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If interested, please write for information.

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Requests for information or contributions by individuals not members of the Center or from other organizations are welcomed.

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Maryland Center for Investigation of Unconventional Phenomena INC. Is in Operation

The Maryland Center for Investigation of Unconventional Phenomena, Inc. is in actual operation with a number of projects in at least the embryonic stage and certainly more than enough trained talent to carry at least some of the projects through to fruition. It would seem that the Center or the Maryland Center as we shall refer to ourselves in most of this publication is doomed not to have a catchy acronym like other organizations such as MUFON, INFO, APRO or NICAP. Unfortunately MCIUP sounds like an overdose of sauerkraut and beer and hardly an appropriate title for a dedicated group of individuals who have pledged themselves and their support to the organization.

The Center is incorporated as a nonprofit corporation in Maryland and Federal tax-exempt status has been applied for. The Center is sharing cramped but adequate space with two profit motivated corporations operated by the director and the entire staff is volunteer so there are no normal overhead costs at the present time except extensive printing and postage bills.

The Director is presently handling the editing of "Believe It" along with extensive help of his wife in doing most of the typesetting.

The Center is attempting to promote cooperation between all UFO and Fortean organizations in the world and has initiated proposals to this effect to all known organizations. Few have responded at press time but the Center firmly believes that worldwide organizations will gradually recognize that the only way answers will actually finally be found or that the scientific community will be convinced to take on our areas of interest full time will be when the groups stop the petty jealousy and fractionalism and begin to work together. The Center is more than happy to be the catalyst for this type of cooperation and will happily serve as a buffer or interface between any groups that, for whatever reason, find it impossible to cooperate with each other. Lets face facts, every few UFO or Fortean organizations anywhere in the world even have any monetary assets at all but all have done invaluable investigative work and collected irreplaceable files. If all were pooled, the little money we all have will go a long way and a united front will generate enough funds from a variety of sources to actually conduct meaningful research. This is a goal the Center will work toward 24-hours per day if necessary.

The major setback the Center has suffered up to this point was its anticipated affiliation with a major university or center of learning. We expected scepticism and outright ridicule to reign as we approached the centers of academecia. This was not the case, everyone, or nearly everyone, we approached was extremely receptive of our goals and our credentials. The problem we encountered was one of money. As enrollments are dropping at nearly every college and costs are escalating with our inflation rate, the schools are already hard pressed to meet their budgets and are afraid of taking on the Center until it can unqualifiably guarantee that it will be always self supporting and self perpetuating and will never need to call upon the university for more than supportive and publicity services. Attempts at raising the type of guarantees are now underway and the Center is still hopeful that an affiliation will be forthcoming shortly. We feel that being situated on the campus of a university with our own autonomy or even situated elsewhere with university affiliation with access to the storehouse of knowledge (printed, hardware, and people) at the university will not only strengthen the credibility and acceptability of the Center within the scientific community but will greatly facilitate its research projects and will ensure continuing funding and membership.

Anyone knowing of either an individual, a foundation or corporation willing to make tax deductible donations to the Center or pledges contingent upon university affiliation are urged to call the Center (collect) at (301) 384-0816 immediately. The Center will willingly open its books and project proposals to any potential donor and feels competent to convince anyone of the worthiness of such donations and the wisdom with which the money will be spent.

Tax deductible donations will also be accepted of other items also. Needed by the Center at this time badly are bookshelves or steel shelving and tables. A printing shop is being set up at the Center to do all of its own printing so any auxiliary printing equipment would be graciously accepted.

A complete photographic laboratory with black and white as well as color capabilities is already in operation at the Center and is also capable of a considerable amount of photo analysis. The Center is fully stocked

with cameras and sound equipment of all types so no more are needed.

It is envisioned that as the Center more fully develops its capabilities they will be made available free or on a per cost basis to other organizations in the field in line with the Center's cooperative policies.

The possibility of supporting much of the Center's work by performing photographic and printing services for other organizations (non-profit only) while saving the individual organizations money is very realistic.

Work has already begun on field investigation manuals to be sent to all participating members awaiting only two things: the results of the polls in this publication telling us which phenomena to concentrate most heavily upon and consultations with our computer experts to decide the best wording to facilitate computerization of all results of investigations.

Another ambitious project underway is the indexing of events or encounters in as many UFO and Fortean books as can be found starting with the Center's own library. It is anticipated that this too will eventually be computerized making available an almost instantaneous bibliography for any given event or series of events. The value of this as a research tool does not need to be discussed. Once indexing is completed, bibliographies will be made available not only for the Center's research but to members and to other organizations or individuals having serious need of the information.

As anyone who has ever put together or published any kind of journal knows, this first issue of "Believe It" was a tremendous task. We hope you like all of it but don't anticipate that everyone will, that is why we have continually stressed that the Center is your organization so let us know what you think. We will listen--we have to! Without you there is no Center. In any event, in this issue we have tried to present a mixutre of material while waiting for you to tell us what you want with the enclosed polls.

Material written by the Center staff is as factual as possible including the updatings of UFO reports, Big-foot, and animal mutilations.

Some other material is presented mostly for its value in stimulating thinking and is not necessarily endorsed as totally factual by the Center. The Center can only vouch for the credentials of the authors who are members and these are checked carefully. In the case of non-member authors, the Center can not vouch for the credentials claimed by the authors and will make no attempt to authenticate them. The Center will totally reject any material submitted which it feels to be spurious or frivolous or entirely fictional.

Getting back to the polls enclosed. We know it costs 15¢ to mail anything now but is is very important to us to get back the answers to the questions we posed. Do not limit yourself to those questions. Give us Hell or praise us or straighten us out on anything you see fit.

Remember the Center is your organization and you have to help us run it so sound off!

By now most of you should have received your membership cards and certificates but may not be aware that you actually hold voting shares in the corporation. Your certificates are actual shares of the corporation. As far as we can determine, there is no other such organization where the members actually own the organization and can and will vote on its operation.

The ByLaws, Charter, and perhaps the Articles of Incorporation of the Center will be printed in the next issue of "Believe It" for you.

The founders of the Center intended that all members and anyone else interested in the Center should know everything about it at all times and we are working very hard to fulfill that mandate. If we fail its your fault because you are ultimately our bosses and must guide us as we try to give you what you want. But PLEASE give us some help also.

The Center has been forced to accept advertising in this issue of "Believe It" to help meet production costs and will continue to do so unless the members object. The Center has rejected advertising it has found distasteful or inappropriate but does not endorse the included advertisers. If any member has any problem with any advertiser, please write the Center and we will be happy to effect a resolution for you, being very familiar with the laws concerning mail orders and the U.S. Postal Service.

Included loosely near the rear of this magazine are applications for participating members and sustaining members, pleased see that these get into the hands of appropriate friends or acquaintances after you show them "Believe It." We do reserve the right to pass final judgement on acceptance of members and one person's application has been rejected already as not being in the best interest of the Center or its goals.

MARYLAND CENTER APPEALS FOR UNITY AT LAST

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is the text of a letter sent to all known active UFO or Fortean Organizations in the world. Its contents will speak for itself. If we did not send you one or it got lost in the mail or grabbed by the CIA, we apologize and you may consider this your personal copy. The Center feels that it is important for the members to know what it is up to and plans to make public all its overtures at cooperation in the field and will publish the answers received from any of the groups in future issues of "Believe IT." In the meantime, we urge you to continue working with the reputable organization of your choice whoever they may be as well as the Center, we all need your support. As of this writing, one of the largest UFO organizations was near to going down the tubes from a lack of members and finances and this will just leave one less voice to be heard from if it happens and a respectable one at that.

October 7, 1978

Dear Ladies and/or Gentlemen:

The U.S. Air Force and Dr. Edward Condon and Phil Klass say that UFOs do not exist. So far no one has actually come up with positive "hard" evidence to prove them wrong.

However, the Maryland Center for Investigation of Unconventional Phenomena, Inc., does exist and more hard evidence of its existence will be seen every day.

The Maryland Center—the result of a conversation over a bottle of stout in a Washington, D.C. pub by a semi-retired anthropologist, who is the veteran of many worldwide archaeological digs including the famous Olduvai Gorge and a photojournalist turned government consultant who had been a UFO consultant for almost 17 years—has become a force to be seriously reckoned with in the study of Fortean or unconventional occurrences.

The Center does not see itself in a role of competing with any of the established groups but complementing them instead. The Center intends to actually develop data on unconventional phenomena and then make it available to anyone who will seriously use it.

The Center is incorporated as a non-profit corporation in the state of Maryland and IRS tax exempt status has been applied for.

When the Center was organized it was felt that the requirements of actually participating in field investigations and writing papers for the monthly magazine would prove too arduous or time consuming for the type of highly educated or trained professionals being sought as participating members but nearly 500 proved us wrong.

When it was decided to open the Center to sustaining members who would start off paying \$15.00 per year in dues eventually going up to \$25.00 per year, surely few people would be so dedicated to the quest for knowledge in this field to take us up. Again we were wrong, not a day goes by without a handful of applications and checks in our mailbox.

All this did not come without considerable dedicated effort, contrary to the rumors of a CIA financed operation. Letters and applications have been mailed by the thousands. Hundreds of inquiries have been personally answered, and above all, every member, participating or sustaining, has been sent a personal letter of thanks from the director the same day the application is received.

Are we talking about a large well paid staff? No, we are talking about a few dedicated individuals working weekends and until almost 3-4:00 a.m. almost every morning to build an organization that has to now rank as one of the larger in the field, even if the newest.

Quite a challenge lies ahead as we get down to the actual work ahead now. A monthly journal starting off with 24 pages plus cover was planned but the 24 are already filled so more are being added.

The Center is operating with no debts and money in the bank. We wonder how many other organizations with long histories can truthfully state the same.

Don't get us wrong, please, we are not bragging, just reaffirming our dedication to the task ahead and asking your support. We have already urged our members several times to join and actively work with other reputable organizations. Each month we will devote a page or more of our magazine to other organizations—one at a time, in fact, we will ask you to write the article and to blow your own horn.

There will be nothing secretive about the files of the Center or any of its work. All will be open at all reasonable times to any serious investigator (CIA included if they are really interested). We would appreciate sharing your files with you if such a possibility ever develops, we would be happy to pay the costs of duplicating, microfilming or Xeroxing. In fact, the Center may soon be in a position to pay for microfilming any organization's files in return for a duplicate set.

The Center already has a fully equipped photographic laboratory capable of doing almost anything in black and white and color along with photo analysis, so if we can help, please call us. Through one of our members, the Center has gained access to 6 of the largest main frame computers made and is the process of developing or securing software and scanners for doing photo enhancement. Nearly everyone is familiar with the tireless work of William R. Corliss and his Sourcebook Project in compiling volume after volume of references to Fortean events in literature.

The Center intends to go one step further by computerizing indexes of all UFO sightings and other unconventional occurrences in all books that can be found, in or out of print. Other than an almost instantaneous bibliography for any subject or sighting, this data will also provide some computer generated answers once parameters are established and we know what to ask the computers.

Again this is where we need your help. What parameters do we establish and can all of the UFO or Fortean organizations agree on standardized methods of conducting investigations so that the raw data can be computerized? The fact that all groups, or as many as care to, work together will not rob one group of the glory of discovering the "ultimate case."

The Maryland Center has never proposed to be the organization that will ultimately solve the UFO riddle or other such phenomena, but it would like to be the catalyst to bring about such solutions.

If we are accepted by the other UFO and Fortean groups we believe we can begin to bring order or at least the appearance of it out of the midst of chaos. Once order is established, discoveries and answers must surely follow.

Do not expect the Center to engage in outlandish promises or sensational statements which are forbidden by its charter as useless and reckless or to engage in political activity or lobbying which are forbidden by its Articles of Incorporation.

UFOs of modern time have been around for 31 years and are still being officially denied. Bigfoot, in one form or another, has been around for centuries but is only beginning to be quasi-recognized as existing. Isn't it about time for some better answers? We know we can't find them alone and obviously your group alone has been no more successful so far. Will you join us so that together we stand a better chance?

Most sincerely,

MARYLAND CENTER FOR INVESTIGATION OF UNCONVENTIONAL PHENOMENA, INC.

INTERNATIONAL UFO ENCOUNTER S

Since this is the first issue of "Believe It", we will attempt to bring you up to date on worldwide UFO activity over the Summer and early Autumn of 1978 except for selected cases highlighted elsewhere in the magazine. Specific information (or as much as we have) may be obtained on any individual case by contacting the Center.

Ayshire, Scotland, May 1978

Both nocturnal lights and daylight discs became familiar to many residents of Northern Ayshire during the month of May as a flap of almost daily activity of both forms created considerable speculation among the local Scots.

Cerro Otto, Argentina, May 10, 1978 13 year old Gabriel de Virgilio watched three daylight discs cavorting over his house for about half an hour until he found a camera to photograph them. Going outside with only one exposure left on the roll of film, he found two of the discs gone but managed to obtain the image of a domed disc at what appears to be about 1,000 feet above his house. The Center is attempting to secure the negative for analysis. Three nights later eight residents of nearby Chacabuco reported a UFO in the form of a nocturnal light on the outskirts of the city.

Kerman, Texas, May 13, 1978 In a scene reminiscent of "Close Encounter of the Third Kind", 32 year old Police Officer Manuel Amparano was treated for first degree burns of his face neck and arms when he drove his police cruiser under what he described as a 50 foot circular glowing disc hovering about 50 feet above a cotton field. The former marine Viet Nam combat veteran said that as he watched it turned a brilliant shade of bright blue and took off at a "tremendous" rate of speed hitting him with a blast of heat through the windshield of the police cruiser. The Kerman Police Chief is reluctant to discuss this case although there are reportedly 14 other witnesses, because the officer has filed a claim for compensation for injuries sustained on duty, but it has been learned that Amparano's police cruiser has vanished from the cotton field and he is not quite sure how he got out.

Ocala, Florida, May 14, 1978 More than 100 Navy and civilian personnel at and near the Navy Pinecastle Electronic Warfare Center and bombing range in the Ocala National Forest watched an erratic UFO over the the supersecret installation in the early hours of the morning as some of the Navys most sophisticated radar, programmed to identify aircraft types by performance and return characteristics blew out transistors in frustration. Both FAA and Navy sources reiterated that there were no known aircraft in the area at the time.

Bath and Gwent, England, May 25, 1978 A week long flap of daylight sightings in the area continued as 28 children at Brynmawr School and two of their teachers observed a blue-white "dumbbell" shaped UFO circling their school at 10:15 a.m. At 11 p.m. the same night Mr. Gary Little, a 27 year old yoga teacher reported a luminous blue-white ball the size of the moon. Later the same evening Mr. Michael Heal watched two luminous balls, red on top and blue on the bottom and leaving white streaks for over a half hour.

North Gwent, England, May 27, 1978 So much nocturnal UFO activity has been observed in the area that groups were gathered to await the unearthly visitors with binoculars and telescopes when Mr. Des Powell and Mrs. Margaret Lewis observed glowing red circles moving northward at about 9:40 p.m. and watched them for 25 minutes. All observers reported that the sky was completely clouded over and that they could not have witnessed celestial bodies. At about 3:00 a.m. the same night a group of teenage boys camping in a backyard near Doncaster had their own encounter. Awakened at 3 by neighborhood dogs barking, Leslie Hemstock got up to see a formation of four "stars" with one starting to move really fast when he awakened Ashley Coe and Mark Punter from the tent. They all agreed that the four objects were shaped like figure 8s until they began to move away rapidly turning into glowing red balls. An hour later, the trio said, they saw a large triangular light with bits falling off.

Encinitas, California, May 30, 1978 Two scientists in their early 30s who swear they only had 2 beers and a 32 year old marketing executive were relaxing by a pool following a barbecue when they saw a formation of 3 extremely rapidly moving lights make 3 separate passes through the same area of the sky between 9:15

and 9:45 p.m. On the first pass, one light appeared to be leading in a position ahead and to the side of the others. On the second pass the second object was rapidly dodging around the first, they agreed. On the third pass, the lights were side by side. One of the witnesses, Brad Roth, a 34 year old physicist and atmospheric scientist estimated that if the lights were at an altitude of 25,000 to 35,000 feet, they were moving at a speed between 5,000 to 10,000 miles per hour. Roth and his fellow scientist, Vic Morris, a meteorologist agreed that they had observed neither satellites or meteorites. They described the lights as orange and elongated.

Gronbant, England, June 7, 1978 Mr. and Mrs. E.L. Cornish were so frightened by their encounter with a 30 foot hovering saucer shaped object glowing like fire that they locked themselves in the house and were afraid to report to the authorities. They said the object hovered over the woods near their 15th century house near dusk and began to move backwards and forwards. They described it as the shape of a soup plate with a lid on and there was no sound heard at all. In the same area a few days later Mrs. Pauline Ann Mopp reported a white dome hovering above Bangor Golf Course with a brilliant light emitting from it. The next day Tony Tipton of Tany Bryn reported an oval object with a brilliant light hovering above his estate.

Sutton Manor, England, May 8, 1978 The Cassidy family of Epping Avenue watched a fluorescent orange colored disc hovering at about 1,000 feet altitude for some time at 12:45 a.m. until it shot off at a high speed and they decided to get into the family car and try to follow it toward Manchester. When stopped by the police for speeding through the night at 1 a.m. in their night clothes their explanation of chasing a UFO was sufficient for their release.

Chippenham, England, June 10, 1978 Eight school children ran home in hysterics after a close encounter with a UFO they described as the size of a double-decker bus, which then turned fiery red and sped off rapidly turning the nearby trees to a glowing silver color. Two of the eight were the children of Constable Basil Burden who said "these children just do not lie." The object was reportedly silver colored when first seen and the children all said it looked nothing at all like any UFO photos they had ever seen.

Immingham, England, June 11, 1978 Leslie and Susan Hayllar joined hundreds of residents of the Immingham Grimsby area who have been viewing erratic acting nocturnal lights for the previous two weeks when they reported sighting a bright orange ball that went straight up and then across the sky rapidly disappearing behind a cloud. Most of the current flap of UFOs have been silent nocturnal lights with a few silent daylight discs. A month earlier five residents reported a small silver triangular shaped UFO, a circular fiery red object 25 feet in diameter and three round bright objects, two brighter than stars and a third one flashing. In May Mr. Roy Thompson sighted two oval shaped objects about 20 feet long in the predawn sky making a noise like a whirlwind. The RAF received another report of a cigar shaped UFO 3 feet by 20 feet long emitting a silver mist from each end. According to Richard Smith a Scanthorpe electrician the object's ends seemed to curl up and it just disappeared.

Streatham Common, England, June 12, 1978 The now oft referred to Streatham Common pet UFO made another appearance to three schoolboys from Furzedown Secondary School. The teenagers reported that they were terrified when they saw the orange glowing three-dimensional oblong shaped object about three feet off the ground moving with apparent intelligent control through a series of maneuvers of tight angles very rapidly. Norman Oliver of the British UFO Research Association (BUFORA) reported that he found burn marks on the common after a reported landing in March and sightings of the same or a very similar object came in from the area almost daily.

Brooklyn and Queens, New York, June 4, 1978 An FAA official who refused to give his name, reported that he watched a series of "eerie lights" hanging in the sky, as he watched from the tower at Kennedy International Airport for about 3 minutes until they just took off and disappeared. Steve Howatt, a Brooklyn mail clerk watched the lights, unlike any stars he has ever seen from the stoop of his Ralph Avenue apartment for nearly two hours before they went away. Dan Noonan a 26 year old medical student was on the roof of the 14 story New York University Medical School dormitory looking down at cars on FDR Drive at about 3:00 p.m. when he saw what he described as a 3 foot frisbee silently maneuvering over the East River level

with the roof of his dorm. He took one photo of it before it shot off toward Kennedy International, he said, reflecting the sun metallicly as it went. The Center is attempting to obtain the negative of the photo for analysis.

Ayacucha, Argentina, June 15, 1978 Oscar Bolloz told police that he had been asleep when he was awakened by a strange noise and looked out to see a black object in the shape of a "flying saucer" blocking out the stars a few meters above his trees. He awakened his wife and they watched it hover for a few minutes and then land on their patio. They said it was about two meters in diameter. About two minutes after landing, they said it gave off a flash and took off moving away toward Tandil at about 50 kilometres per hour.

Rio de Janerio, Brazil, June 15, 1978 According to La Razon, the newspaper of Buenos Aires, Argentina, hundreds of witnesses on balconies overlooking the Copacabana Bay watched 32 smaller craft emerge from a huge "mother" ship about 3 kilometers from shore and then went through about 15 minutes of flight performances often skimming the surface of the ocean before turning to intensely bright orange objects and darting off to the south at "immense" speed.

Bangor, England, June 15, 1978 A woman living in the west end of Beaumaris reported seeing a huge round sun-like object moving across the Menai Straits towards Aber. She got a telescope to look at the slow moving object and said she saw slits or "window type things on the side" with brilliant copper lights shining through. Before it reached Aber, she said it disappeared as if someone switched off a light.

Friendship, Wisconsin, June 15, 1978 A low flying UFO with white and blue flashing lights was reported to the Waushara County Sheriff's Department. The object was said to be flying west of the county line.

Gloucester, England, June 18, 1978 Carpenter Len Parsons and his family watched a brightly glowing UFO for about half an hour. When they first saw it, they said it was hovering over a hill and then it rose and came over their heads leaving a wide vapor trail. Then they said it faded and reappeared brightly over Gloucester. There were reportedly many other witnesses to the UFO both in and around Gloucester.

Calderdale, England, June 19, 1978 After watching the end of the World Cup football match on TV at about 1:10 a.m. Mr. Tom Taylor and a number of other residents who called the local constable went outside their houses to see a bright blue UFO moving at erratic speeds and courses across the early morning sky. The one thing all agreed on was that it was not an "aeroplane". The British UFO Research Association (BUFORA) reports that they had a spate of reports from the area for the previous week.

Weston-super-Mare, England, June 4, 1978 Hoping to do some on the scene observing of the current English UFO flap, members of the West County UFO Research Organization went to Worlebury Hill to wait and watch. Mr. Ian Vinter, the president said they saw a very intense light at 10:47 p.m. moving in an easterly direction five degrees above the horizon. He said it appeared to flicker to a bright red and to ascend and descend at 3 to 5 minute intervals during the 20 minute period they watched it.

Kent, England, June 22, 1978 A month long series of nocturnal UFO reports from the Kent area was capped off with reports by at least 10 people in separate locations of a moon shaped red fiery ball hovering for some time before eventually taking off at high speed. The British UFO Society has installed a hotline telephone line for the Kent area which they say is now the third most active UFO area in Great Britain and nightly skywatchers are being organized. Mrs. Bridget Owens, one of the witnesses to the fiery red-orange ball said she watched it hover for five minutes but upon returning with her binoculars it was speeding away. She estimated its visual size to be equal to that of a full moon.

Medway, Mass., June 25, 1978 Just before dusk four adults visiting and watching their children play in the backyard at 62 Main Street looked up to see a silver metallic object 4-5 feet in diameter. Samuel Torrey, 32, described it as oval shaped with a domed top. Judy Willinski, 36, at 61 Main Street said the object was bobbing silently in the air. Michael Koczwara, 17, at 60 Main Street said the object was tipping from side to side as if losing stability and finally moved off to the northeast at a speed estimated to be under 100 mph.

Menzies Close, Australia, June 24 and 25, 1978 A woman and her two sons called the Australian police because of a UFO hovering outside their home on two successive evenings. At first they thought it was a helicopter because it was hovering. On June 24, they watched it from 8:35 to 8:45 p.m. On June 25 it was back at 8:00 p.m. It was described as a green cigar shape about 9 feet in diameter and several times as long. She said it displayed lights that changed color from green to red to blue to gold and emitted a high pitched whistle that set off every dog in the neighborhood. Police, after determining no helicopters had been in the area at the time advised the woman to have a large pine tree outside her bedroom window chopped down because the UFO was evidently using it for alignment. She did and has not seen the UFO again. Maybe the Australian police know something the U.S. Air Force does not.

Walkerton, Ontario, Canada, June 29, 1978 Bruce Harris, 42, said he was driving east of Walkerton on Highway 4 with Michael Allen, 44 of Hanover when they saw a bluish green object moving northwest near the airport. At first they thought it was an aircraft but its lights did not blink and as they drove toward the airport the object which had been rising slowly suddenly shot away at high speed.

Greenwich, New York, July 5, 1978 William B. Watkins of Route 372, Greenwich was mowing a pasture on his farm when he found a circular patch of ground about 30 feet in diameter freshly dug up with four channels five feet long and four inches deep leading away from the circle. Speculation vacillated between a strange lightning strike and a UFO landing but whatever the strange force several large rocks were moved a considerable distance.

Las Vegas, Nevada, July 7, 1978 Local radio stations started becoming inundated with calls about a UFO hovering over Las Vegas at about 10:00 p.m. When worried callers started phoning nearby Nellis Air Force Base, Capt. Tom Wiesweaver told them they were seeing the searchlights on two police helicopters searching for robbery experts even though the callers insisted the object was stationary. Later callers reaching Capt. Dave French at Nellis AFB were told they were seeing Venus and Jupiter in line. In any event, Capt. French conceded to the Las Vegas Sun, it could have been a UFO hovering over Las Vegas but we just pass the information on to the Air Force UFO department in San Diego.

Pueblo, Colorado, July 7, 1978 Diego DeGador did not see "Close Encounters" and has never "thought twice about UFOs" until 1:00 a.m. when a visiting niece Connie Curliss, 15, woke him yelling about the moon moving. He said he went outside to explain that the moon does not move when he saw a bright orange object twice the size of a full moon or bigger. He described the object as a craft or machine of some kind--flat on top and sides sloping down and out from the top at 90 degrees each. He was most impressed by the fact that it was enveloped with a bright burnt orange light. More relatives: Cinty Curliss, 18, and Cecilia Basmajian were summoned to see it also and watched for about 5 minutes when, according to DeGador, the object changed shape as if someone inside were turning off lights selectively and it started to move to the west. Suddenly, they said it began to move so rapidly that it was soon only a faint red dot.

Port Chester, Ohio, July 9, 1978 Shirley Abbos, Joann Sherman and Susan Peck all told police they were looking out a 10th story window at 999 High Street in the afternoon when they saw a bright white disc that definitely was not a plane. No sound was heard and it moved from north to south, they said.

Louisville, Kentucky, July 9, 1978 About a dozen people called the Louisville Courier Office to report an erratic acting light over the city. Obviously annoyed newspaper employees said it was just a weather balloon but checks with airports and the Weather Service indicate no known weather balloons were in the area at the time.

Southridge, Ohio, July 10, 1978 Many area residents and persons passing through the area watched an aerial object with red and green lights that sometimes flashed and at other times rotated according to one witness. Feeling that they were not watching anything natural between the hours of 1:30 a.m. and 4:30 a.m., one travelling family called the local Sheriff's office. The deputy on duty told them to call the local police force. The police force dispatcher told them to call nearby Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, former home of Project Blue Book. Wright Patterson told the caller to call the local sheriff. Running out of dimes, the family just gave up and drove east.

Aurora, Minnesota, July 10, 1978 Three brightly illuminated objects were photographed in the late evening sky by an amateur photographer who said they moved slowly and silently away.

Concord, North Carolina, July 10, 1978 James Helms, director of Camp Spencer was locking up the camp pool at 12:15 a.m. when he was attracted by a bright light in the sky moving from left to right towards him. He said he heard no noise and watched it for about a minute before it disappeared behind the tree. Two other counselors who had been checking on the campers cabins reported that they saw the object for about 3 minutes. They said it had a bright light on the front and wobbled from side to side and up and down. They said there was no sound until the object passed directly overhead and then they heard what they described as a whine of a geared up motor--a hollow sound as if coming from a tin can instead of a heavy jet. All agreed that in addition to the bright light on the front of the object, there were 6 to 8 amber lights near the rear constantly flashing on and off, but they disagreed about the shape of the object. One said it was a triangle, another called it a flying watermelon and the third thought it was shaped like a cigar a half hour later the quartet of counselors came outside again when a jet aircraft, thought to be military came over the camp.

Tarbes, France, June 10, 1978 A vacation colony near the Pyrenees was invaded by three separate UFOs. The first UFO to arrive about 9:00 p.m. was spherical about a dozen meters in diameter and moved from north to south emitting intermittent red and blue lights from the front. A half hour later, a cylindrical object followed the same path and also gave off red and blue lights. An hour later a rectangular UFO appeared almost at ground level and gave off a blinding luminosity. It made 5-90 degree turns in an area of a few hundred meters and then climbed and disappeared. No more were seen but there were many witnesses to all three events.

Leicester, England, July 10, 1978 A Mrs. Wigston reported a bright orange saucer shaped object flying over her neighborhood tilted at a 45 degree angle and beaming a bright light to the ground. Another woman in Melton Mowbraw reported a similar object landing in her garden and wilting her lavender.

Chicago, Illinois, July 11, 1978 Kathy Judge, 20, of Lansing, Kevin Mackie, 23 of Oak Lawn, and a number of other witnesses were convinced they had an encounter with a UFO with lots of flashing lights until they contacted the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston and Allen Hendry described the UFO for them without being asked. Two advertising planes with computerized billboards that light up displaying messages generate a lot of reports, Hendry said.

Gardiner, Maine, July 12, 1978 Two police officers were patrolling on Route 126 at about 9:30 p.m. when they radioed their headquarters they had spotted a UFO. Using field glasses the two officers watched the egg shaped object until 10:20 p.m. as it started out being bright white, then became bright red and at times red and half yellow. It hovered at times, they said and then would zoom off at high speed and then return to the original position. Both officers are still being allowed to patrol together according to their chief who believes the officers were convinced they were not watching any type of aircraft.

Buenos Aires, Argentina, July 13, 1978 Felipe Orozco, a 33 year old chief of the San Martin Railroad Station at Ranblon was taken to a hospital after a nervous collapse resulting from a close encounter with a UFO that approached from the railway tracks lighting up the near midnight scene like "high noon" and then buzzed the tower of the station where he was working. The crew of the 11:00 p.m. train found Orozco cowering under the main station seeking refuge with a number of stray dogs and cats, also apparently very frightened. Several motorists reported the UFO to authorities before Orozco's plight was known.

Fairlee, New Hampshire, July 13, 1978 Wendy Boade of Fairlee said she saw a strange formation of 4 lights at about 9:15 p.m. She reported the formation hovering about 500 feet above a neighbor's house. Her younger brother also saw the same lights and her father driving home, saw them near the Lake Morey Inn Gulf Course. Quite a number of independent witnesses verified the existence and travel of the formation of two glowing white balls in front and two more behind moving in a northeasterly direction at about 200-250 miles per hour. A large number of other witnesses later reported a second silent light formation which moved at an estimated 600-700 mph and rendezvoused with a single rapidly moving bright light and disap-

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peared behind the hills. John Melorey of Claremont, an investigator for NICAP and MUFON said he is being kept busy with sightings in the area.

Glasgow, Kentucky, July 13, 1978 Rev. Elisabeth and Rev. Stephen Stephenson were driving home from Louisville on I65 at about 9:30 p.m. on a dark and foggy night. The two pastors said they were about 25 miles south of Louisville when they thought they saw an airplane on fire about 4-5 miles to the west so they pulled off the road to watch and presumably to pray. Suddenly, they said, the object was about 100 yards away hovering 30 feet above the ground and lighting up the entire sky. They both agreed that it was about 15 to 20 feet high and 30-40 feet long. It appeared yellow in the distance but upon approach, it became a dazzling bright white, they said. After the couple and the occupants of another car watched for a few minutes the, the object sped rapidly to the west. About seven miles earer to Glasgow, they said they saw what appeared to be a sunrise and again stopped to watch. it was the same object again they said and they watched for 15 minutes as it played around a hillside going up and down and zigzagging. They saw an airplane circle the object once and saw the object shooting ribbon like flares and thought an aerial dogfight was going on but did not see the airplane again. The objects light gradually dimmed and then faded away altogether, the two ministers said. It was enough to scare a person half to death if he wasn't Christian, The Rev. Elisabeth said, but added that they both are looking for future encounters.

Lexington, Kentucky, July 14, 1978 TV station WLEX received quite a number of calls of UFO sightings and 29 year old State Police Trooper, Jim Whitaker reported a UFO as big as a big glowing car giving off a red, blue, and green glow. At the same time the Metro Polic station was getting a number of calls about UFOs, two youngsters called to report an object looking like three diamonds hooked together and bigger than the moon.

Buenos Aires, Argentina, July 15, 1978 Police Chief Guillumo Vaget, at a press conference announced that at the same time a train stationmaster was suffering a nervous breakdown from a close encounter with a UFO, radio and television broadcasts were virtually wiped out in an area of many square kilometers. Voget said that one farmer, Lorengo Correa told him the TV program he was watching blacked out and a glowing mushroom appeared on the screen. He said that no matter which channel he turned to, the same mushroom was there. Frightened, Correa ran from his house and encountered a large glowing mushroom of such intensity he experienced weakness and dropped to his knees.

Rawhide Village, Wyoming, July 15, 1978 Mr. and Mrs. Robert Starr thought they were watching a meteor streaking in from the southwest, but it stopped to hover as they and their two sons watched it move up and down and side to side for an hour and a half, finally moving off to the west.

Silverton, Orgeon, July 15, 1978 Joanne Walker and Idane Osgood who are grandmothers and neighbors on South Church Street were star gazing about 10:00 p.m. when they saw what appeared to be two bright headlights in the sky moving silently until directly over them when they said it sounded like the whirr of an electric motor. They said the bright lights went out directly over town leaving the oval-shaped object outlined in smaller white lights. Both women were confirmed sckeptics before the encounter, according to Joanne's husband, Lawell Walker but now both are believers in UFOs.

Elysburg, Pennsylvania, July 18, 1978 The Edward Gappa family of Southview Drive were walking on Pennsylvania Avenue about 9:30 p.m. when they saw what the seven adults and three children described as an oval shaped object with white beams of light protruding from around the sides. They said the center had blinking orange colored lights and that they all watched it for more than an hour convinced it was not a helicopter or other earthly craft. The Gappas said the object moved slowly and that four airplanes passed over it while they watched.

Fort Dauphin, Madagascar, July 19, 1978 Almost a year to the day from the time another mystery object crashed into Madagascar, a cigar shaped UFO appeared over Fort Dauphin lighting up the entire town and then plunged into the marketplace and exploded setting fire to most of the town. No information is available on the d i s p o s i t i o n of the debris.

Drain, Oregon, July 19, 1978 Norma Frieze and Christine Chaw described to police a large object covered with lights that streaked across the night sky skimming the hill tops about 11:45. They said it went like a flash from south to north. Atalanta Petty said that she and her husband were sitting outside their trailer between 9:30 and 10:00 p.m. when a brilliantly lighted object came from the south, stopped and hovered near some Oak trees across the road about two blocks away for about five minutes and then shot away at high speed. It was tremendously bright, they said, and no windows or other configurations were apparent. They said the object was about the size of a car.

Hudson, New York, July 19, 1978 Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hopper and 3 other residents of Mt. Marino Road reported a UFO hovering motionless over the West channel navigation light in Hudson River and then "whoosh" it was gone. Some of the witnesses said the fiery object was square and others said it was a crescent. Harold Bates a former MUFON investigator for the area said the witnesses told him the object left with the roar of a 747. The object was seen for five minutes before it took off southeasterly.

Bisley, England, July 21, 1978 A middle aged couple who swear they had nothing to drink were driving along the Sheepscombe Road at 10:45 p.m. when they saw a large light low in the sky and stopped to investigate. Satisfying themselves that it was not an airplane in trouble they followed it in their car as it moved slowly above the road. They said it stopped over Miserden and two lights came out of it followed by a vapor or smoke. The smaller lighted object descended to earth rapidly while the larger one hovered in orbit about 500 feet high they said. When the smaller object had landed, the couple headed for home rapidly in their car but watched the larger object still slowly circling for some time until they drove out of sight.

Springfield, Missouri, July 23, 1978 Robert Clark, an Iowa highway patrolman vacationing in Billings, Missouri, reported a green light slowly descending in the sky. It became brighter and brighter, Clark said and then it flashed and dimmed. In nearby Walcott, Peggy Fostenson told the sheriff she saw a bright red light in the sky at 9:28 p.m. Trooper Clark's sighting was at 9:55 p.m.

Roundhill, Kentucky, July 24, 1978 The Charles Caudill family had just returned home from church at about 10:00 p.m. when a neighbor was knocking on their door telling them that a UFO they had reported seeing a week earlier was back. Five adults and one child watched a large fiery object and a smaller brighter object maneuver near their homestead for about 10 minutes until an airplane appeared in the sky and both objects moved off at high speed. The Caudills said that on their previous sighting they pursued the object in their truck and after it disappeared the sky was ribboned with jet streaks from planes in the area.

Macon, Missouri, July 24, 1978 Shortly after midnight two Missouri State Troopers from Troop B Headquarters and several private citizens reported seeing an object with red and green flashing lights in the sky south of Sedalia. Two Sedalia police officers said they watched the object for about an hour before it disappeared.

Steelville, Missouri, July 24, 1978 Mr. and Mrs. George McMillan were driving home on First Street at about 10:00 p.m. when they saw a very bright large round light in the sky over the Ambrose Greathouse residence. They said they watched the object proceed up First Street just above treetop level until it disappeared from sight as it approached the Gladden's Greenhouse.

Aledo, Illinois, July 24, 1978 Mary and Robert Beglund and their 12 year old granddaughter were driving home from Rock Island when they saw a big ball of fire in the western sky. Mrs. Berglund said that it kept getting bigger and redder. They said it appeared to land and seemed to be on fire. FAA and Weather Bureau officials theorized they saw the return of some space debris.

Venice, Florida, July 25, 1978 Joe Nigro, his wife, Fran, and a neighbor, James Minor, reported one of the more unusual UFOs of the season. Mrs. Nigro said she was looking out a window and a 2 inch square light came within six inches of her nose. As it turned, she said she saw that it was housed in an object resembling a bat except the wings were stationary and there was no sound. Joe Nigro and James Minor simultaneously watched a like object at the other end of the house buzzing the garage and trees before zooming out of sight. Perhaps its mating season in Venice.

Biwabik, Minnesota, July 25, 1978 Police Officer Dewey Horsman was on routine patrol until he saw flashing red, green and white lights in the sky. Gerald Maki came home and awakened his wife, Sharon, to come outside and watch a UFO. Several dozen residents watched the flashing lights moving up and down and back and forth for several hours beginning just before midnight.

Brownsville, Kentucky, July 25, 1978 Kelley Meredith told the Sheriff's office that about 9:50 p.m. while driving on Gap Hill Road, he looked out the car window and saw an orange star that kept blinking on and off. It appeared to pace the car until they arrived home and then was obscured behind the Sanders' house. Then two orange lights emerged and moved southeastwardly. By this time there were 6 witnesses who said the lights blinked every 2-3 seconds and with each blink moved higher, eventually moving out of sight. The entire episode lasted about 25 minutes, all agreed.

Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, July 25, 1978 Spec. 5 Gary Love, his wife, Ella, and Mrs. Pamela Green told the military police at Fort Leonard Wood that for the third night in a row they saw a bright star shaped object that got bigger and brighter as it got closer. As it got close, they said, it was very white and bright and they could see a V shape with a ball under it. At its closest approach, they said it appeared as a yellow spot with a blue haze around it.

Arnold, Missouri, July 25, 1978 Mrs. Clara Winscher of Arnold told police that as she was driving along Route 50 a UFO with a brilliant light came close over the top of her car. She told police she heard a crash and the rear of her car was lifted from the ground for a few seconds. Sgt. Robert A. Reichardt and a Sheriff's deputy examined the 1974 Mercury Comet and said they found two distinct dents in the trunk unlike anything they had ever seen.

Iron River, Wisconsin, July 26, 1978 A writer for the Iron River Pioneer reported looking out a dining room window at about 11:00 p.m. to see a large light and flashing smaller lights. The writer and her husband reportedly watched for about 20 minutes.

Beaufort, Missouri, July 26, 1978 At about 12:45 a.m. Velma Clines looked out her kitchen window on Old State Road and described an orange red ball coming from the east over the tree tops and then suddenly veering south toward Highway 50. She said the object was not as big as the moon and was a dull colored light with edges that glittered. She went out to her kitchen porch but heard no noise. Upon returning inside she said she saw exactly the same spectacle again. Seaburn Cline said he has been living with his wife for 49 years "and I haven't ever heard her tell nothing that wasn't true."

Farmington, Connecticut, July 26, 1978 Six persons called the police department between 9:25 and 9:33 to report a UFO near exit 39 of I-84. The caller described the object as circular with a red light on top and a group of 6 or 8 rotating lights. One witness, Brian Mark, 22, of West Hartford said he confirmed his sighting with several other persons via CB radio. It was stationary for some time near the off ramp he said and then took off rapidly toward Plainville, making no audible sounds.

Stamford, Connecticut, July 26, 1978 Inez Blauner of White Plains, New York was driving on the Merritt Parkway with her 13 year old daughter and a friend at about 3:15 p.m. when they saw an object above them and she pulled her car to the side of the road. All three observers described the object as metallic, pentagonal in shape, as big as a football field and at about 20,000 feet. Ms. Blauner said it hardly moved and just seemed to drift slowly to the southwest.

Burlington, Wisconsin, July 27, 1978 Pat Nelson told police he saw a strange glow in the sky near Henry Street for about 15 seconds at 12:30 a.m. Dean Willich reported to police 3 stars moving in close proximity to each other.

Burlington, Washington, July 27, 1978 A resident in the 1600 block of Sam Bell Road called police at 9:33 p.m. to report a small bright silver object in the air moving parallel with the ground which exploded above Westview School. At 10:41 another resident called police about blue and white lights near the top of telephone poles.

Maryville, Missouri, July 27, 1978 Sheri and Arthur Horbison reported to police a UFO with a revolving red light, a stationary blue light and a white half-circle light doing some unusual aerial maneuvers during an observation period between 11:30 p.m. and 12:15 p.m., often coming very close to their house.

Coachella, California, July 29, 1978 Two Sheriff's deputies and several local residents reported an oval shaped UFO with bright lights spinning on it. Maria and Yvette Garza who live on Avenue 54 said the object was hovering over a field across the street no more than 100 yards away. Deputies Ken Griffin and Gayle Jones agreed with the Garzas that the object made no sound. The encounter was to be investigated by APRO.

West Pittsburg, California, July 27, 1978 Lennie Young, George Ferrera and Patrick Morrison told police they were walking across a grassy field about 11 p.m. on the way to a party when they saw a group of bright red lights joined together with a blue light flitting around the red lights like a firefly. As they approached, the object flew away but came back seconds later and landed. The craft was described as "round and flat with a row of square lights like windows with one window larger than the others. Suddenly the lights started blinking on and off and three creatures emerged according to the trio. The beings were described as black and lacking faces. Described as being between 5 foot 6 Foot, the Creatures started walking toward the trio who rapidly fled towards their homes. They said the figures followed them closely for a few blocks and then they didn't see them anymore. Contra Costa County Deputy Sheriff Douglas Pendleton said that all three were tested for alcohol and drugs and found clean and that all volunteered to take lie detector tests.

Collie, Australia, July 29, 1978 Two men reported to authorities that they were driving home along Wilga Donybrook Road about 28 kilometers from Collie at about 8:30 p.m. when a deep orange colored luminous ball bigger than their car appeared and hovered over them. They drove away and the object stayed with them until they stopped at the Glen Merwyn Dam. At that point the object got closer and bigger and brighter, they said and they could see it was rectangular in shape. As they reached Collie, the object that had still been following closely turned back toward the dam. They told police they followed it a ways until it rapidly faded into the distance.

Palm Springs, California, July 29, 1978 A woman who refused to be identified publically reported a huge silver pulsating UFO flashing silver rays at about 8:15 p.m. as the object which she described as a carnival in the wilderness got closer, her car sputtered and then stopped. As it got closer she said it became transparent and she could see little men running around all over the place in the 10 story high UFO. The woman's 15 year old son also witnessed the encounter.

Conroe, Texas, July 30, 1978 James and Bonnie Caney who live near the Harris County line were watching TV about 9:30 p.m. when they said they heard loud rumbling in the sky like thunder, and went outside to see three lights above the trees. First they thought it was a plane but it didn't move. After watching for a few minutes, it started making the sound of jet fighter after-burners according to Mr. Caney, a bus driver, and began moving around wildly over the area before moving off into the distance. Mr. Caney, a Marine combat veteran from Viet Nam and swears that he would recognize a helicopter and that this was not one. Mrs. Caney says it was just like in Close Encounters of the Third Kind. They did not see the actual object only two white lights and one red one.

Sumner, Washington, July 30, 1978 A Puyallup woman and her stepson reported a 30 foot diameter upside down bowl with a concave bottom and the color of a car bumper hovering over the Sumner Church of Latter Day Saints at 7:48 p.m. They said the object was totally silent but seemed to be fluttering as it hovered and after about five minutes it sped off toward Mt. Rainer.

Marlesford, England, June 30, 1978 Mr. Angus Goodchild of 6 Hall Road was having trouble sleeping at about 2:25 a.m., so he sat up when he heard a strange noise like that someone tapping a low note on a piano. When he looked out his window he said he saw a bright green long object moving east to west at a great speed. It only took a few second to vanish. The observatory at Ipswich, nearby, said there was no known meteorite activity that night.

Chiclayo, Peru, July 30, 1978 Hundreds of residents reported a flying object moving at extraordinary speed and emitting lights similar to fireworks. They said the object was round and brilliantly illuminated. It was said to have travelled from north to south and disappeared in the Andes.

Kingston, Minnesota, July 31, 1978 James Cates, 27, claims he saw a silvery object hovering over his grandfather's soy bean field about 9:30 p.m. He said the object dipped after hovering a few minutes and began to drift silently to the east for about 10 seconds and then it took off at high speed. The next day, a neighbor found a 40 foot circle of burned soybeans in an otherwise healthy patch where Cates had seen the UFO. Lee Hardman, an agronomist from the University of Minnesota, brought in by a newspaper said that the pattern was typical of a lightning strike but could not explain alternate rows of dead and healthy soybeans. The elder Cates, 70, owner of the field said he is not surprised, he has been seeing UFOs in the area for years.

Mott, North Dakota, July 31, 1978 Two separate reports of UFOs in the sky were made to police after a power outage at 10:10 p.m. Four girls reported seeing a large orange to white glowing flat disc. They said the object did not move but just suddenly disappeared as if someone turned off the switch. The second report came from a couple driving on the Interstate between Richardton and Dickenson when they said they saw a bright green cigar flying south. The power company explained that the power outage was just a circuit breaker kicking out after some as yet unexplained heavy drain of current.

Provo, Utah, July 31, 1978 Many Brigham Young University students reported a bright blue white light in the northwest at about 9:15 p.m. which later changed to red before disappearing. The U.S. Weather Service said they saw a research balloon at about 80,000 feet. However another spokesman for the Weather Service Richard Douglas said that all of the balloons launched earlier had burst at least two hours before the sightings.

Mississauga, Canada, July 31, 1978 James Coren was driving east on Highway 401 at 1:15 a.m. when he told police he saw a fiery red cigar in the northeast sky. It came toward the highway, made a sharp turn and disappeared behind the trees he said. When taken back to the area by Tom Grey, a UFO investigator, the duo found four circles in the tall grass of Stocie Park. Grey said the circles appeared to be the landing gear of a cigar UFO. He said similar patterns are frequently found in the area after cigar shaped sightings.

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PYRAMID PHENOMENA

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Very strange phenomena have resulted when people have stood on top of the Great Pyramid at Giza. When an Egyptian raised his hands with his fingers spread, an acute singing noise was heard. An as strangely, the note ceased when his hands fell.

Continuing in his biography, the late Sir W. Siemens found that when he raised one finger over his head, he felt a prickling sensation. He felt this could be only caused by an electrical phenomenon. When he drank from a bottle he felt a slight electrical shock.

He converted the bottle into a Leyden Jar by wrapping it with a damp paper. After holding it a very short time over his head, it was strongly charged with electricity.

Paraphrasing from his article, "Electricity on a Pyramid" in *Electrical Review* in September, 1893, "...Seeing the small lightning's issue from the wine bottle held by myself and companions, the guides became distrustful and held a brief meeting. Suddenly one of my companions was seized by the guide who had led him up to the platform. The guide tried to force each to go back down again"

"As I stood on top of the pyramid, a sheikh came up and said through my interpreter, 'You are to leave at once, because you're practicing magic which might damage our chances of earning

a living with other tourists.' When I refused, the sheikh caught hold of my left hand. At the same time, I held up my right hand with the bottle in the attitude of a performing magician and then slowly lowered the tip until it nearly reached his nose. Suddenly I felt a violent shock which ran through the bottle and up my right arm. The sheikh apparently received an equivalent charge because he fell speechless upon the stones. A few moments passed before he suddenly arose. With large outcries, he went scrambling over the side and down the pyramid's large and treacherous steps. The other guides were excited by his anguish and repeated cries of Magic! Magic! They released my companions and followed their fleeing leader."

The Earth's magnetic field originates at the poles and extends around the earth at a general distance of 4.42 miles. This magnetic field effectively is the source of our gravity. This magnetic force relates to pyramids in various ways. In other articles I have reported that energy has been found flowing through the pyramid apex. This magnetic energy force is the same force which powers all pyramids. The ancients who built the pyramids did so knowing that it is important to "recycle" this energy back to earth.

The pyramids around the world serve many functions. One aspect usually overlooked is that the beam from these pyramids effectively charges negative ions in the Earth's air. Thus pyramids are ecological tools because their magnetic attraction draws down the dust and undesirable contaminants out of the atmosphere. Each pyramid form built and used by "citizens" helps to clean the very air we breathe.

When discussing the pyramid's interrelationship with the magnetic fields, another very important key is frequency. In other articles, I've discussed aspects of the various Chinese pyramids—especially the Shensai series of seven distinct and different sized pyramids. The seven Shensai Pyramids are read from north to south. They literally represent the seven centers of man's consciousness—referred to also as Chakras. The most northerly pyramid relates to man's highest vibration,

his spirit, while the seventh and smallest is the earth's vibrations.

When comparing Shensai Pyramids to the Cheops Pyramid, several important concepts must be shared. First, Cheops is a smaller and inferior copy of the main Shensai Pyramids. Most pyramids commercially sold reflect the 51 degree angle of Cheops. For greater efficiency, the 53 degree angle of Shensai is required. Further, the usual practice is to align pyramids based on magnetic north. Considering the discussion of magnetic fields emanating from the Earth's poles, activation depends on polar alignment.

MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES

All members of all classes of the Center should have received membership certificates and ID cards by this time. If anyone has not received them, please write to us. In response to inquiries, there are not class A, B, and C members. When we went to our corporation setup company and asked for 1000 certificates initially and then came back for 300 more, they were floored. Accustomed to preparing only 25-50 stock certificates for the average small corporation, their numbering device only went up to 300 so we had to accept many sets of certificates with the same number so A, B, C, etc. were added to give everyone a different ID code, there is no other significance. Be careful of your membership certificate, as you can see, it makes you an actual voting owner of the Center and must be surrendered to the Center if you terminate membership for any reason.

HELP PLEASE

A number of members have been sending the Center news clippings of unconventional phenomena in their area. This is extremely helpful to the Center but please identify the source of the publication and the date of publication when sending them in. *Keep them cards and letters comin in folks...*

WERE RUSSIANS FOLLOWED BY UFOs?

The July 11, 1978 edition of La Nacion from Buenos Aires, Argentina reported that a South American General visiting

that a South American General visiting Moscow was told by a top Soviet military man that there is irrefutable proof of the existence of UFOs and their high technical maneuverability in space.

According to the Soviet general a formation of flying saucers closely followed the orbital space station "Salyut-6" for three orbits around the earth in March. The general said that cosmonauts Yuri Romanenko and Gueorgui Crechko made movies and still pictures of the saucers during the three hours of pacing and that copies of the films had been turned over to NASA in compliance with agreements regarding mutual observation of UFOs and the hypothetical danger to world security.

An inquiry made of the USSR Embassy in Washington, D.C. was met with an official "no comment" although an unofficial inquiry made by devious means on behalf of the Center did indicate at least knowledge of some such incident at the Embassy.

After a number of inquiries to NASA about the films, the Center was finally told, yes we know about the incident and will get out the information for you. The "information" happened to be a copy of a FOIA request made earlier about the incident and NASA's response that they knew nothing about it.

When the Center checked with the Johnson Space Flight Center in Houston, the director of Salyut-Skylab Coordination and Cooperation reiterated that NASA has received no such films and "officially" knows nothing about the incident.

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CENTER DECRIES FBI ACTION

Although the Center is forbidden to engage in political activity or the making of unsubstantiated charges against any agency of the government by its Charter and Articles of Incorporation it feels that it is its duty to call an unpleasant fringe benefit of UFO research to its members. Robert Todd, 24, of Ardmore, Pennsylvania, is a self admitted UFO buff and has almost made a career of sending FOIA requests about UFOs to just about every government agency.

Evidently he sent one too many requests because on the evening of July 28, 1978, two FBI agents came to Todd's home in suburban Philadelphia and interrogated him for more than an hour and "scared the living _____ out of him."

The agents questioned Todd about the source of his requests to National Security Agency for information on an incident where a Cuban Mig fighter was destroyed in the air while trying to intercept a UFO, and his requests to NSA for information on a former NSA employee, W. Todd Zechel now active as director of Citizens Against UFO Secrecy and part of FOIA suits against the CIA and other government agencies for UFO information.

Todd said "the FBI agents read him his rights and tried to intimidate him by citing the espionage laws and advising him of the penalties involved, life in prison or death."

Todd sent a barrage of FOIA requests about the Cuban incident to the Air Force, CIA, NSA, and Navy from February to July 1978 and received nothing. Somewhere along the line a CIA Information Coordinator, Gene F. Wilson, suggested Todd check with the Cuban government for records on this incident.

Todd notified NSA and the Air Force on July 14 that since neither of them wished to cooperate he would contact the Cuban government for further information. Because both agencies had previously hinted that a UPI dispatch about the incident that he had disseminated might contain classified data, he asked that they give him advice on what information he could not send the Cubans and gave them a 20-day deadline for a reply.

The response was the visit of the two FBI agents at his door.

In reviewing the actions of the FBI in this case and the Air Force's actions subsequent to the FBI incident, the Center believes this was totally uncalled for and a classic case of bureaucratic overreaction. However, it does point out one of the cornerstones of the foundation of the Maryland Center, namely that a shotgun blast of requests by Todd is likely, by the law of averages, to come up with a little bit of something once in a while. The methodical calculated work of the Maryland Center conducted in a scientific or scholarly manner will more likely bring more positive results and less visits by the FBI in the long run.

The Center does not want to discourage any of its members from seeking any information via the FOIA route but it must caution them to be prepared for delays and possible heavy expenses and to warn against giving any government agency any form of ultimatum. You can only lose!

NATIONWIDE BIGFOOT APPEARANCES

EDITOR'S NOTE: While some authors and many of the Rag UFO publications are attempting to establish a link between UFOs and Bigfoot, sightings continue to occur nearly all over the country and with increasing frequency as Fall approaches. In many areas of the country, Bigfoot appears to be migratory by nature, following the warm sun southward in fall and winter and cooler weather northward in the spring hence these two seasons generate the most sightings of the hairy hominids. If our readers will keep us posted of activity in their areas as Fall is upon us, we will continue the reporting. This issue of "Believe It" will attempt to cover nationwide sightings up to typesetting time minimizing the Pacific Northwest where Sasquatch has been accepted as a peaceful neighbor and not particularly unusual anymore.

Sand Hill, Texas, January 11, 1978 No one in the area saw a bigfoot but Harrison County Deputy Sheriff Othello Beckham said there were many ear-witnesses to the growling of something sounding 10 feet tall early in the morning and that about 9:30 p.m. it returned to attack a pack of dogs creating a mass of confusion and inconclusive tracks. There was a report of a visual sighting of a Bigfoot in Sand Hill one year ago.

Davenport, Washington, February 10, 1978 Sed Eglund, a local realtor and Robert Horsely, a potential client were driving to see some property about 8 miles northwest of Davenport when they spotted giant tracks in the snow beside the road. Stopping they discovered tracks 18 inches long and six inches wide about 2 feet apart in a walking pattern. Both men agreed they were not bear tracks and took photographs. Four days later, the same pair, exploring some nearby timber property discovered a series of tracks 16 inches long with broad big toes. The prints were about two feet apart. H.D. Smith, a professional Sasquatch tracker was brought in and estimated that the tracks were made by a 400-500 lb biped.

Venice, Florida, February 28, 1978 A barn door was found knocked down by the owner and inside 30 rabbits removed from their hutches and lying dead with their heads bitten off and the blood drained from their bodies. Nearby were 18 inch footprints resembling naked human prints except for the size. Mike Conadino, founder and curator of the Florida Monkey Sanctuary said that he has logged 74 sightings of the Skunk Ape as Bigfoot is known in Florida, in the Venice area in the past two years. An entire busload of Greyhound passengers going south toward the Everglades watched a 9 foot tall "Hairy Man" scampering into the swamp as the mammoth bus approached. In early January, construction crews clearing a site in scrubby pinelands evidently awakened a resting bigfoot early in the morning with their heavy equipment and it ran away quickly, growling loudly at first and then shrieking as it disappeared into the swamps. In mid-January, a number of Venice residents reported a pair of skunk apes, evidently of different sexes, frolicking just outside the city limits, according to Corradino who is also a newspaper reporter.

Center Ridge, Arkansas, February 28, 1978 Postmaster Waylund Ruff had three cattle mysteriously killed and then found a 40 lb hog with its head pulled off and the carcass uneaten. Footprints, 17 inches long and 7.5 inches wide at the toes were found near the dead animals. The Bigfoot leaving the tracks weighed about 300 pounds according to estimates from the print depth in the sand and had a stride of about three feet between steps.

Jerusalem, Arkansas, March 5, 1978 Joe D. Cook made concrete casts of five toed foot prints 17 inches long and 7 inches across. The prints were an inch deep in heavy soil, he said. Cook could not venture a guess as to what made the prints but he said whatever it was stepped flat-footed over a four foot fence. No other human prints were found and the possibility of a hoax was ruled out.

McCurtain County, Arkansas, June 9, 1978 Jonas McCutcheon made casts of 17 inch long prints of the evidently latest visit of the fabled southeastern Arkansas Foulke monster, whose history and legend date back more than 100 years. The Choctaw Indians for more than 100 years called the creature Hattak Lusa Chito which simply means "Big Black Man." The creature, according to the local residents, has taken up residence in an area called Boklaws along the Little River near Yashau Creek and Mountain Fork River. The area is filled

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with swamplands and dense undergrowth. Footprints found display three toes, typical of the Eastern Bigfoot. Hunters in the area often report the mournful cries of the monster and many have described seeing it walk with a shuffling gait and that it appeared to be about eight feet tall. It often jumps or runs away when encountering humans even though apparently adequate to the task of defending itself. Large clumps of black hair have been recovered in the area which can not be identified as belonging to any known animal.

Vidor, Texas, June 18, 1978 As the community filled with tales of a visiting werewolf in Vidor with the full moon, 20 year old Bobby Bussinger felt safe going outside with his .12 gauge shotgun. Near the back of his cleared lot on North Tram Road, he encountered on erect form, taller than 6 feet with a muscular body and long shaggy hair that didn't appear afraid of his shotgun. As it approached him, Bussinger told the sheriff, he fired a shot in panic and ran for the house. He said he barely made it to the house and his wife locked the door before the creature came clawing at the window screens and howling and yelping like an injured dog. The Bussingers have only lived in the house for three months and said the previous tenants left because they couldn't stand the frequent visits. When Deputy Sheriff Jack Reeves arrived at the residence at 11:30 p.m. he found three of the couples eight dogs killed with their hindquarters maimed. Another dog is missing. The Bussingers told the deputy that they first heard a commotion like a dog fight and then heavy banging on the walls of their house. Four window screens were ripped from the house with many of the frames broken. Mrs. Bussinger told the deputy that there is a well worn path in the three wooded acres of the property and that the path is used by the creature. She said that she once used the path to search for berries and saw a lean to in the distance put together from scrap lumber and tree limbs. Deputy Reeves went into the woods to investigate the lean to and heard a growling and howling he described as a cross between a hyena and an injured dog. As he penetrated the woods, the creature appeared to retreat so the deputy decided to move his patrol car down the road and wait for it to return. He said he had only been gone a very few minutes when his radio started crackling that the creature was back banging on the Bussinger's windows. The deputy said it only took him seconds to hit the driveway and he saw the more than 6 foot tall hairy creature running for the woods. He said he kept his spotlight on it until it was lost in the trees. The deputy said that since he was not carrying silver bullets, there were no volunteers to track the beast that night and the next day the Bussingers moved.

Ridgecrest, California, June 22, 1978 Sasquatch is not normally known for roaming the desert but it appears Bigfoot has invaded the Mojave Desert. Douglas Bruce Groves, 23, of Ridgecrest and his teenage brother and sister were searching old Highway 395 for rattlesnakes about 2:00 a.m. when Groves described what looked like a pair of glowing eyes peering at him over a creosote bush just off the road. He said he stopped his jeep on the roadway about 30 feet from the bush and as he walked closer he heard a low roar that got progressively louder. Then, he told police, he felt something grab him on each shoulder and when he tried to run it grabbed him around the waist, picked him up and threw him 10 feet through the air. Groves ran back to his jeep and used his CB radio to get help. The brother and sister confirmed to the deputies that they saw a large dark object pick up their brother and throw him. A daylight search of the area failed to discover anything other than strange impressions on the ground.

Milam County, Texas, July 27, 1978 A 15 year old boy, Jeffrey Gelner, told Sheriff Leroy Broadus that he and his grandfather were working in a field near the river when they heard a growl. The boy ran at first and then stopped to look around and see that the beast chasing him had slipped and was getting up off the ground. He said it stood on its hind legs and was 7 to 8 feet tall and completely covered with dense brown hair. Sheriff Broadus went back to the area and found "human like" footprints 24 inches in length 9 inches wide at the ball and seven inches wide at the arch. Later evidence discovered by a Bigfoot research team indicated a hoax could have been involved.

Ottoson, Iowa, August 1, 1978 The town of Ottoson, population 93, is quite concerned by the visit of a hairy creature said to be about five feet tall standing on two legs and having a wide forehead. A majority of the residents of the small town have personally seen the creature which was originally thought to be a bear, during the past week but they became particularly concerned on August 1, when about two dozen town dogs were found mangled to death.

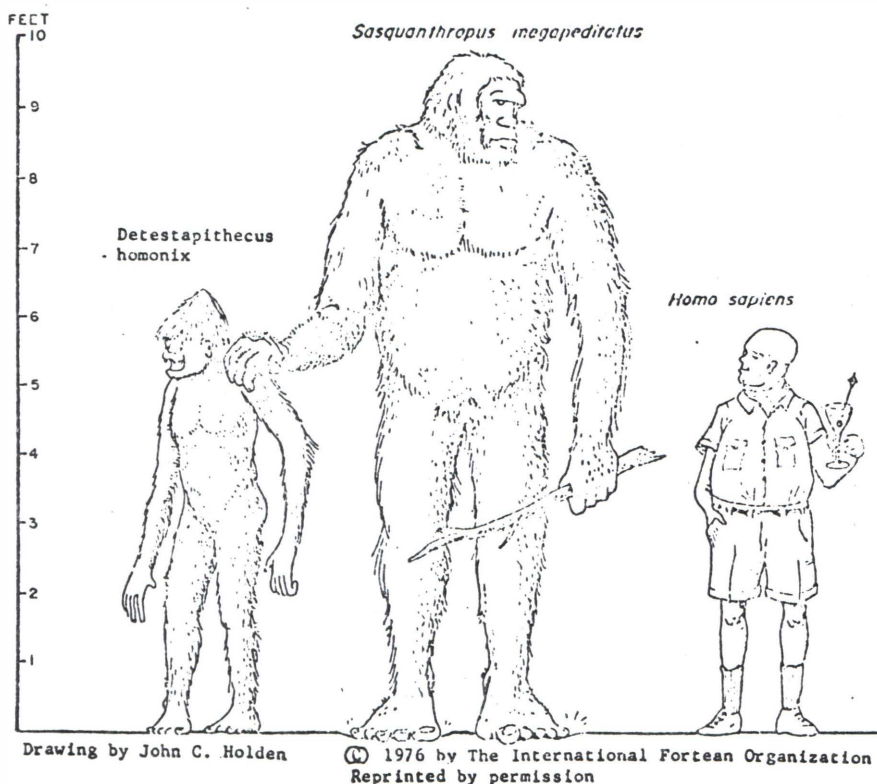
Paris Township, Ohio, August 23, 1978 Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Cayton and four visitors told Sheriff James Shannon they saw a six foot tall hairy creature looking in their windows and that it then climbed onto the

roof of their chicken coop. One of the visitors told the sheriff he got into his car and drove toward the chicken coop with the headlights on to get a better look when it jumped down and came running at the car joined by two similar hairy five foot creatures. You'd never believe how fast a car will go in reverse, the witness told the sheriff. The Caytons told the sheriff they have seen the creature several times in the past month and occasionally hear footsteps on their roof.

Georgetown, Texas, August 23, 1978 An 8 foot tall hairy creature resembling a human was tracked into a slough near the Little River. The witnesses said the creature had the distinctive odor of dead flesh. 24 inch footprints and claw marks on trees were found and local legend says such a creature has been living in the area for about 25 years.

Ottoson, Iowa, August 24, 1978 A foul smelling hairy creature between 5 and 6 feet tall continues to terrorize this small town as it appears to come out of the cornfields for nocturnal walks killing, very cruelly, any dogs or pets that get in its way. Sheriff Anderson said that footprints have been found but that nothing concrete has given him a handle to work with. Three teenage boys were "goofing around" the sale barns near the edge of town when they heard a noise inside of one of them and threw a rock in. All three said a face with a big squarelike head, big eyes and flat nose appeared at a window looking at them. Their yelling apparently frightened the creature more as it took off in big leaps with its body hunched into a cornfield, leaving behind a pungent odor. Other residents of the town meeting the creature almost face to face describe it as having deep set eyes, lots of hair—dark brown or black—and one girl said it had fangs. All agreed it could use a year's supply of deodorant, in one night. No humans have been harmed, only pets and the sheriff has had to hire extra deputies to handle the sightseers.

Chico, California, August 25, 1978 Anthropologist-Professor Turhon Murad has started a class at Chico State University entitled Bigfoot and Other Monsters: Myth or Reality, and the first class opened with two students relating an encounter with an 8 foot tall hairy man-like creature near Lake Oroville the night before as they were parked for a romantic interlude and the car started rocking externally. They looked out to see the creature walk away just before they drove away, they told the class.



BIGFOOT IN MARYLAND AND IN HISTORY

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EDITOR'S NOTE: The following material was originally published as a series of three articles in Maryland and Pennsylvania newspapers hence some redundancy; however, we feel that the interest they generated warrants reprinting all of the installments unedited

If you live near a creek, raise chickens or have smelly garbage cans and enjoy relaxing on your patio with a portable television during the summer evenings, your chances are very good for having an unwanted, seven-foot-tall, hairy visitor with bad breath. According to the experts, much of Maryland, including our general area, is the stomping ground of the Eastern Bigfoot or Snallygaster as it has been known in Carroll County since the 1920s.

The subject of "Bigfoot in Maryland" was the topic of several lectures and papers presented August 5 and 6 at the annual meeting of The International Fortean Organization (INFO) held at American University in Washington, D.C. A panel of four experts debated Bigfoot's characteristics and habits while dozens of people lined up to view plaster casts of footprints nearly two feet long and 15 inches wide, made in Harford County, Maryland, and to touch clumps of coarse, long, reddish-brown hair recovered from barbed wire fences above Sykesville, Maryland while tracking a Bigfoot.

The nearest and most recent report of Bigfoot in the Washington D.C. suburbs came in March of 1977 when a NASA engineer on his way to work at Goddard Space Flight Center told police that as he approached the Interstate 95 overpass on Powder Mill Road, he saw a huge brown or black hairy creature lumbering along in the early morning fog with a dog chasing it and snapping at its legs. As he related his encounter to the police, he said that after a short while the creature reached down with one arm and hand and scooped up the dog and threw it over onto I-95. As his car approached, the astonished engineer told police, the creature ran off into the wooded area east of I-95 at a high rate of speed.

According to the assembled Bigfoot experts, it is unlikely this engineer was suffering from a post-party apparition or saw an escaped gorilla. This is a typical encounter reported all over the west and east coasts, they agreed.

A more dramatic encounter occurred in Harford County in February 1975. A motorist was driving about 50 miles per hour when a "big hairy creature" ran across the road directly in front of him and he could not avoid hitting it. The creature was knocked down and the front end of the motorist's 1973 Chevrolet was literally demolished. As the motorist and the police he had summoned were returning to the scene, the creature got up and ran off at a high rate of speed, leaving blood stains and a trail of 20-inch footprints 8 feet apart. Bel Air, Maryland, Commissioner Robert Chance discovered where the Bigfoot went, five months later. He found a lair that had been dug out of a soft dirt bank and was lined with a bedding of honeysuckle vines, much of which was covered with dried blood. An analysis of the blood and hair found disclosed that there were similar characteristics of both human and primates but that they were positively not from any known species of either.

Most of the recorded history of European and Asian countries is filled with reports of Bigfoot or Abominable Snowman type creatures and they can be traced back several hundred years in the lore of North American Indian tribes. The earliest report of a Bigfoot sighting that could be found by this writer searching Maryland newspaper morgues was in 1924 from near Westminster in Carroll County. Since that time regular and sporadic reports of sightings and encounters have occurred primarily in two areas of Maryland. The more active area of the state seems to be the northeast quadrant centered around Bel Air. The second active area extends north into Pennsylvania from a line running between Ellicott City and Sykesville. There are many reports from beyond the periphery of these two areas but the activity appears to be confined mostly within them.

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Michael Biskins, a private researcher from York, Pennsylvania, spent much of the winter of 1977/78 tracking Bigfoots (the most accepted plural) through southern York County, Pennsylvania and northern Maryland. In March 1978 while tracking 8 foot apart footprints through the northern Maryland snow, he found two calves near many prints. The heads had been torn off both animals but the remainder of the carcasses were intact. "There were no other human or animal tracks near the bodies," he said.

Violence toward dogs and other animals seems to be part of the makeup of Bigfoot, according to Robert Chance of Bel Air, who has been in pursuit of the hairy hominids for more than ten years. On the other hand Chance said that there are no known proven incidents of a Bigfoot harming a human. From his own pursuit Chance related an episode of two years ago in northern Harford County. He said that he was following a Bigfoot that was just ahead of him on a slightly higher ridge. "When he stopped, Bigfoot stopped, when he moved, Bigfoot moved on ahead," he said. Evidently Bigfoot wearied of the chase according to Chance because 60 pound boulders began flying through the trees and landing just in front of him. It did not take very long for Mr. Chance to get the message and go home minus his quarry. By the way, Chance says that he doesn't carry a gun or other weapon during his pursuits but he does always send in his Husky and Malamute first. Chance, who has spent 10 years studying Bigfoot and pursuing him from Delaware to Florida believes that the Maryland creature is a sub species of the Northwestern North American Bigfoot or *Sasquanthropus Megapeditatus* as scientists are classifying him. The eastern cousin differs primarily by having feet with only three toes. Chance believes that this is an environmental evolution due to the preferred travel through creeks and rivers.

The 7-foot to 12-foot tall hairy erect walking creatures frequently encountered in north-central and north-eastern Maryland are not a new phenomenon caused by post nuclear-bomb hysteria nor are they a psychological anomaly conjured up as an escape from mundane reality or the complexities of modern society. Bigfoot or the Carroll County, Maryland, Snallygaster has been the frequent subject of Maryland newspaper sighting reports since the early 1920s in the northeastern quadrant of the state and in an area extending northward into Pennsylvania from a line running from Ellicott City in Howard County to Sykesville and Eldersburg in Carroll County. More recently, reports have begun to place the big beasts wandering down the Chincoteague-Assateague Peninsula of Maryland and Virginia and even appearing at the backdoor of the nation's capital.

The creatures are not unique to Maryland or even the United States for that matter. The weight of the evidence of the existence of Bigfoot and his cousins has become so heavy that scientists are now giving serious study to the animals and many states have passed laws making it a serious crime to kill or harm one except in self-defense.

SERious scientists, who are unlikely to even admit the existence of anything that does not have a Latin name, have now assigned to the North American Bigfoot or Sasquatch the monicker of *Sasquanthropus megapeditatus*, reflecting their theories that the creature is an ape-like man. Elsewhere in the world the Yeti or Abominable Snowman of Himalayan legend is believed to be a man-like ape and has been classified as *Detestapithecus hominix*. The name Yeti came from a slang contraction of *Metohkangmi*, which translates from Tibetan as Foul Snowman. When the British occupied India and Pakistan, they preferred the translation of Abominable Snowman and the name stuck.

Both varieties of the hairy hominids are frequently encountered even today over much of northern Europe and Asia. *Sasquanthropus* is believed to be very closely related to man, the result of a mutation or evolutionary development that branched off from the development of man about 750,000 years ago. The *Detestapithecus* or Yeti, is believed to be current result of an evolutionary branching that occurred about five million years ago, before man began to evolve as a distinctive primate. It is believed that they are more closely related to *Australopithecus* and *Paranthropus*, both of which became extinct from one to two million years ago.

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The puckish writing of Bigfoot taxonomist John C. Holden describes the animals as "seven to twelve feet tall; weight 300 to 850 pounds. Posture upright but bent, arms long but bent, legs also long but bent, neck short or nonexistent. Torso with humanoid proportions. Except for face, palms and soles, body completely covered with hair a few inches in length. Hair on the head is much longer. Color is brownish-black. Feet are active with short pinkies and non-opposable big toe; foot size 17 to 20 inches long and FFFFF wide.

A moderate or passive predator but mostly omnivorous. Faster than a speeding bullet, more powerful than a locomotive, able to leap large boulders and small trees at a single bound and very shy. Known to make various noises but high pitch screams are most common, especially when not clearing those large boulders and small trees at a single bound. Many specimens have a strong compulsion to walk on fresh snow leaving prominent tracks. Body odor factor high with a score of 12 on a scale of 10."

The Yeti is believed to have always lived in the same Asian areas where it first evolved. Size descriptions of the Yeti vary from four feet to fourteen feet tall but the majority of the observers agree that they are closer to six feet in height. The animal has long hair on the head which falls in front of its eyes when running down hill causing the beast to stumble and then amble off "on all fours" similar to a gorilla. The head is said to be high and cone shaped and the eyes partially covered with Mongoloid folds of flesh. The animals have been observed sleeping in a hunching position on knees, elbows, and forehead.

Sasquanthropus is credited with a considerable amount of intelligence. It has been suggested that Sasquatch and his large feet may represent a more advanced evolution than man, who arrested his evolution with the invention of the shoe and when the female of the species thought it fashionable to have small feet. As evidence for this theory, we are reminded of man's own fundamental preoccupation with his own feet. It is important to note that the most popular sports of both hemispheres are those of the foot, i.e., soccer and football. In politics, the ultimate form of attention is that of pounding the table with one's own shoe. This invokes the authority of one's foot and nothing is more shameful than putting this organ into one's mouth. And least we forget how Neil Armstrong immortalized his landing on the moon with the pedilological statement: "One small step for man; one gaint step for mankind."

A number of anthropologists agree with the superior evolution theory citing the importance of original hominid development with the change in locomotion from arboreal mobility swing through trees to terrestrial ambulation. The anthropologists stress that next to the human brain, the hominid foot is the most specialized organ. If we accept these arguments at face value, perhaps we should start worrying that Bigfoot will discover the wheel and fire.

Ancient written history contains many references to Bigfoot or to other names by which it was known at the time. Monasteries across northern and eastern Europe where monks kept detailed diaries of daily events in their regions, which became the only written histories of the Medieval Period, contain many such references. Researchers found that they could almost trace the Sasquatch movements from village to village by reading the monks' accounts of the "Wereowances" raiding a farmer's poultry or livestock or frightening a group of wives laundering in the rivers. Wereowances were described as a tribe of large hairy men from the north who communicated by grunts and wails. One account found in a monastery relates how the villagers were fed up with the raids of the Wereowances and banded together and "slew many of the foul smelling men and drove the remainder from the land." The descriptions of the Wereowances in the monastery histories closely match those of today's Bigfoot indicating little change in the last 1500 years. It is believed that the Wereowances are responsible for the legends of the "Werewolf" or man that would turn into a wolf with the full moon but could still think like a man.

The Wereowances appear to have had such a profound influence on Medieval life that most artists of the period included at least one of the beasts in most non-religious painting they did. A check with art experts at the National Gallery of Art confirmed that the theme of large black ape like creatures appear somewhere in the preponderance of the surviving Medieval paintings. Until the modern interest in Bigfoot, the creatures

portrayed were believed to be mythical or of some symbolic aspect of the era.

It is generally accepted that Bigfoot traversed the Bering land bridge from Asia as did the American Indian and Eskimo, though probably not of his own volition. It is believed that early man in Asia so pursued and harassed Bigfoot that he waded across the still submerged bridge taking advantage of his large stature. It has commonly been believed that the Indians migrated to North America in search of new hunting grounds but John C. Holden theorizes that early man was no different than modern man in that he too was pursuing Bigfoot.

Skeptics still doubt the existence of Bigfoot and dedicated scoffers cite as evidence of non-existence the fact that they are not seen all of the time. This same logic would readily prove the non-existence of U.S. Senators and Congressmen. Ecologists have different explanations declaring that since man is a global species, all competing creatures are doomed to extinction except for those that have a strong biological repulsion to man and are willing to exploit niches not used by man. This innate Homophobia probably accounts for Bigfoot's shyness and may well explain the development of his malodorous scent to insure that a safe distance will be maintained.

Legends of the Indians and Eskimos of the North American Continent are fraught with tales of Sasquatch dating back to antiquity. Serious researchers of Bigfoot believe that there are no more than 250 to 300 of the creatures roaming the continent. They have been reportedly sighted in nearly all areas of the continent except desert areas and highly urbanized areas, according to a panel of Bigfoot experts assembled August 5 and 6 at American University in Washington, D.C. They seem to appear in the largest numbers in the Pacific Northwest where they may have settled down to a tribal existence in an area where they can elude their pursuers in the vastness of the rainforests. In other areas of the country, they appear to be nomadic, moving about 20 to 30 miles each night of their nocturnal migrations, the experts said. The East Coast Bigfoot is believed to be a subspecies or mutation of the main family, they agreed, differing mainly from its northwestern brothers in being somewhat smaller and having developed feet with three probably webbed toes, seen as an adaptation to aid locomotion in its preferred travel through rivers, creeks, and swamps. Comparing notes from their areas of study, the experts agreed that there are probably no more than 25 to 30 creatures roaming the east coast and little indication that they are prolific breeders. Estimates of the life span of the creature range up to about 150 years. The further north the creatures are found, the larger they appear to grow and in the far north, they are known to change to a white fur-covering in winter.

Robert Jones, director of Vestigia, a research organization based in Stamford, New Jersey, has spent several years stalking the hominids through the swamps of Northern New Jersey using a variety of aids ranging from tape recorders and infra-red detectors to borrowed Army starlight scopes that amplify electronically the miniscule light from the stars creating an almost daylight image. He has been extremely close but has not actually caught up to one yet, Jones said. From 90 to 100 sightings of Bigfoot a year are reported in New Jersey, but Jones estimates that these can be attributed to no more than 10 to 12 migratory creatures passing through with none actually living there. New Jersey - 'a good place to visit but...?'

Robert Chance, Director of the Susquehannock Environmental Center in Bel Air, Maryland and a Bel Air Commissioner has spent close to ten years making a career of pursuing the elusive Bigfoot. Chance has amassed an impressive portfolio of documented citizen encounters with Bigfoot in Maryland along with extraordinary photos and plaster casts of footprints nearly two feet long and eight feet apart, and samples of Bigfoot blood, hair, and feces, all from the Maryland area. When questioned about the lack of bodies of Bigfoots being found, Chance cited the apparent longevity of the creatures along with mounting evidence that they bury their own dead in dirt banks where the carcasses decompose rather quickly or are devoured by the creatures of the wild forests. Chance is convinced that a family of three Bigfoots live in Harford County, Maryland and that others periodically wander through the state. For some reason he does not understand, they appear to avoid the Appalachian Mountain Range and there have been virtually no sightings in Virginia, he related. Chance believes that nearly all of the east coast creatures migrate south and spend at least part

of the winter in the swamps of Georgia and Florida. That is the area where one will be caught eventually, he speculated.

All of the Bigfoot researchers were in general agreement about the animal. Bigfoots, at least the east coast species, are generally around 7 feet tall and weigh at least 350 pounds. They all are totally covered with coarse re-brown to black hair except for the faces, soles of the feet, and palms of the hands. The hominids appear to be able to communicate over great distances by a series of distinctive high pitched shrieks and wails. When observed from close proximity, the creatures are heard to utter a series of low bass guttural sounds and grunts. The most distinctive feature of the beasts seems to be the ability to release upon desire copious clouds of a most noxious odor. Many persons have described the odor as being greater than 10 skunks and akin to hydrogen sulfide gas or sewer gas. There is considerable disagreement about the function of the overpowering odor but it is generally agreed that it is released most often when the creature is cornered or frightened. The odor is said to linger for many days after the beast departs.

The participants in the American University conference were given the opportunity to hear Bigfoot as ecologist Chance played a tape of several of the creature's calls. First was a high pitched wail lasting for several minutes due to the beast's large chest cavity. It was a truly distinctive unforgettable sound that jogged this writer's memory to several consecutive autumns 25 years ago in West Virginia. There is no question in this writer's mind that the sound heard echoing through the hills was the same one. At that time, old-timers of the area credited it to a migrating panther. The next call played on the recording left no doubt in anyone's mind as to the meaning. It was: "Here I come, get the Hell out of my way."

All of the Bigfoot experts present at the Fortean Conference were in agreement that the behavior patterns of Bigfoot are totally predictable. All of its actions towards humans seem to be of curiosity and not belligerence. Many times, especially in Maryland, the creature has been seen peering in the window of a house where a TV was on in the room. When confronted by humans, they run instead of fighting even though they could obviously overpower their smaller human cousins. It is generally accepted among serious researchers that Bigfoot is a separate parallel evolution, closely related to man. The smaller Yeti or Abominable Snowman of the Himalaya Mountains is described and classified as a man-like ape or scientifically as *Detestapithecus hominix* whereas the Sasquatch or Bigfoot is classified as an ape-like man, hence *Sasquanthropus Megapeditatus*.

A common denominator of all Maryland and most east coast Bigfoot encounters is the proximity to a river or creek. It appears that they use the creeks as highways according to the investigators and most incidents involving the malodorous mammals are within range of an easy escape back to the water. The Bigfoots seem to be omnivorous in their eating habits. A favorite dining area is often a landfill with plentiful garbage. They do seem to have a peculiar attraction for raiding chicken houses whereupon they decapitate the chickens often carrying off large numbers of carcasses to devour at leisure. Robert Chance who is also the Director of the Susquehannock Environmental Center, reported on one incident in Harford County where a chicken house was raided and fifty chickens killed. Twenty-five birds were found in the chicken coop lined up in a row and another twenty were found stashed outside near a creek. Feces of Bigfoot are found frequently in Maryland and analysis confirms their diet of berries, fish, roots, and garbage though frequently rabbit fur and poultry bones are found.

Bigfoot is definitely a nocturnal animal doing most travel and feeding at night, shying away from well lighted areas and retreating from lights aimed at him. There have been several incidents in rural Maryland areas, where farmers went to their outhouses and discovered Bigfoot inside, not making a rest stop it is presumed but seeking shelter. Dogs evidently do not like Bigfoot and it appears the feelings are mutual. Chance reported of one case where two large German Shepherds were sent after a Bigfoot and were found the next day with their skins peeled off. In another case from southern Harford county, two dogs were again sent after a Big-

foot and one was found in the top of a tree the next day with a broken back and the other dog was never found.

Most of the conference Bigfoot experts believe that the Eastern Bigfoot is nomadic wandering up and down the east coast covering 20 to 30 miles each night and that by early winter most of the estimated maximum of 25 on the east coast are basking in the warmth of swamps of Georgia and Florida.

Chance believes that there is a resident family living in Harford County consisting of a mature male, a smaller female and a younger male. It is believed that there is a similar family group living in southern York County Pennsylvania, and these are the ones that raid chicken houses in Sykesville and wander literally into the back door of Montgomery and Prince Georges Counties.

Most persons who have seen Bigfoot and are convinced of his existence have an overwhelming fear of another encounter with him. Toeing the line with a 10 foot tall 800 pound creature might even silence the mouth of Muhammad Ali, but there is no hard evidence of anyone ever being harmed by Bigfoot. The only known case of any active aggression by Bigfoot is an often reported occurrence in an Oregon mining camp in the early 1900s. Two miners had pursued and shot at two Bigfoots, perhaps even wounding one. When the miners returned to their cabin for the night, their quarry returned with friends. The creatures, as the reports go, laid siege to the cabin for two days, preventing the miners from shooting at them with a constant barrage of large boulders. Near the end of the second night, the beasts pushed the cabin over onto its side and left leaving the shaken but unhurt miners to have second thoughts about what they shot at in the future.

In Maryland, Bigfoot is spotted while travelling, observed feeding at landfills and garbage dumps, caught in the act of raiding chicken houses or rabbit hutches or seen peering in the windows of houses where children are playing noisily or a TV set is on. As far as is known, no acts of belligerence toward humans have ever been reported in Maryland. As far as other animals go, Bigfoot appears to have no hesitation in killing poultry or other small animals for food, and he has no qualms about destroying, by a number of means, dogs in pursuit. The killings and mutilation of cattle and horses have been frequently blamed on Bigfoot, and the experts at American University were in disagreement about whether Bigfoot is capable of the seemingly senseless killings or whether he may have felt threatened by his victims. In any event, when the members of the panel were questioned what they would do if ever confronting a Bigfoot face to face, one response was: "Make certain the movie camera pointing over my shoulder is running."

An area of considerable discussion by the panel was the purpose of the peculiarly noxious odor emitted by Bigfoot at times and seemingly turned on and off at will. Suggestions were made ranging from a simple defense as in skunks, a sexual attraction (in which case to each his own), individual identification within the family, to a form of nerve gas to render any potential enemy docile.

This writer did not endear himself to the panel by suggesting that perhaps the most obvious source of the odor is being overlooked in a huge animal that feeds at garbage dumps and on live chickens, and that perhaps the best bait to use to capture one would be a bottle of MAALOX--a big bottle.

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PERSONAL ENCOUNTERS WITH
REINCARNATION-VIA ALTERED STATES
OF CONSCIOUSNESS

By Dr. Ronald P. Anjard

EDITOR'S NOTE: The current issue of "Quest Magazine" carries an excellent article by Tom Buckley about Dr. Ivan Stevenson who is described as the world's most reputable investigator of humankind's most tantalizing question—is there life after life? Dr. Stevenson is the Carlson Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Virginia and presents some pretty convincing evidence that is hard to ignore. The following article is by the Center's member Dr. Ron Anjard.

We sat on the floor, listening...my neighbor was grunting and panting.

Then suddenly he became quiet...very still. Someone finally asked—"What happened?" and he responded, "I just died."

He had been reliving...reincarnating...mentally and vocally a situation centuries ago in ancient Italy where he was suddenly attacked by men on horseback. In his reliving, he was and described his sword fight for his very life. He was groaning, huffing, puffing...all the emotions...all so real. And then the shattering response, "I just died."

After a few short moments, he was describing another life...during the beginning of Christianity. This time he was Timothy, a disciple of Paul. He could and would literally and easily move forward and backward in time, describing events, locales.

He analyzed in depth the character of the man as known as St. Paul. Our friend, Mr. K., had been taken back into this same lifetime a week earlier. These second accounts supported and enlarged upon the earlier experience. He also described a past life as a teacher in India in a very beautiful temple. He later remembered that he had seen this temple in meditation about 1½ years ago. Yet, in another life, he was married to a beautiful American Indian—who is presently his wife again.

These events were not happening to a commune of extremists or freaks. This was happening the Indiana heartland...a center of provisionalism and conservatism. Our group included businessmen, medical specialists, engineers, and teachers...all skilled in logic and detailed analysis. There were Protestants, Christian Scientists, Mormons, Catholics, and a Jew...certainly a mixture of many understandings...yet this

was happening to us and with us.

Many other special friends have been taken back...termed "run" or "regressed"...into their past lives using a special, but easy, technique. No hypnotism is involved. The person is always in full control of himself, ever alert and expresses very strong emotions which can change from sheer happiness to grief in a few short seconds. In one specific "regression", Ms. M. described how, as a viking warrior, "he" had been killed by a hard smash by an attacking bear. She found that her deep fear of the water was related to her drowning when the ship she was the owner and captain of sunk in a severe storm. She now goes out on the ocean even in swells...for she understands the cause of her old fear.

Mr. T. described his years as a trapper in earlier Canada, and later reenacted the trauma following his son's death while living in New York before World War I. He later described an experience in ancient Egypt. Mr. G., who originally was a very strong skeptic, relived in one evening parts of several past lives...one in the jungle with a tribe of early man, another in Pennsylvania in the 1800's, and another as an accountant in New York about 1915.

My Sister-in-law periodically has flashbacks. She often sees herself in a beautiful ruffled dress falling to her death down a steep stairway. While visiting us, in regression, she found that I had been her husband—a duke or count in France. She described how we had to flee the king just before the French Revolution because I was promoting anarchy. Her death, indirectly, was caused by my unfounded jealousy while living later in New York. She vividly saw herself running away from me and then tumbling down the stairs, the same stairs as in her flashbacks, to her death.

Her early visions had a basis. Many people have read Edgar Cayce's and Gina Cerminara's books treating distinct cases of reincarnation similar to what we described. There are really many books on the market now, including some dealing in depth with personal experiences of past lives. Even in the book, "Psychic Massage", encounters are made with reincarnation.

On April 8th, 1975, millions saw Mrs. Jay on national TV "To Tell The Truth" relate an "earlier life in Germany". She relived her life as a young German girl in Germany. She even during her period of running back, spoke very clear German—but

does not speak or understand German as Mrs. Jay.

Kahlil Gibran's "The Prophet" has sold over one million records and four million books. It beautifully and poetically describes many aspects of life, including reincarnation. William Swygart's "Awareness Techniques" give exact and easy techniques used here in our efforts to learn our past...lives.

These voyages into one's past are neither intended to be an ego trip nor to be used as a parlor game. This is truly a "dedicated" effort to help each person understand himself and what his life is about. The basic concept of reincarnation is understood by two-thirds of the Earth and Karma is an essential partner. Reincarnation, very simplified, is a teaching that each individual's soul experiences many lives on Earth. A new physical form and a new personality is assumed by the soul...each is adopted and chosen in order to afford the soul new opportunities for further growth and development. Rebirth is the law of evolution in action, in very simple terms, the soul projects a part of himself into the school of life...the world of matter...and that part reincarnates in human form over and over again as various personalities. Each incarnation is "another day in school".

Very simply, the theory is that each soul is faced with its individual responsibility, has lived many lives on earth and has returned to learn more lessons and to pay the Karmic debts created in past lives. Karma, the perfect law of compensation, is that when you pass to another life, you have to pay debts and you have payments to receive. One must return to close his accounts and balance his book of life. This is a condensed version of very important concepts.

In this "classroom" I have found that many of my special interests and concerns now...teaching, religion, and politics...were quite common and often dual relationships in many past lives. I have been a teacher in Italy—with my present wife and youngest and oldest sons. I had to flee France to the new world because I was classified as a political-religious reactionary. I escaped with my wife—my present sister-in-law—to America. I have been a Buddhist and Christian priest. Of course I have had many occupations...farmer, fisherman, metalworker, lumberman, soldier, blacksmith, and monk. I have developed special techniques to float in

the water purposely so that I can always reach shore. Friends kid me as I can almost sleep in the water. This may be related to a past lifetime when I sank to my death in a full suit of Roman armor. It was in that life as a Roman officer that I found another life where I found an effort to help our western Indians—a duty, a responsibility—for peace, only to have it destroyed by intolerant whites. Thus, in one life a duty was fulfilled but with frustration. Then, as a Western officer I found duty and responsibility, but success was denied.

These reviews of past lives may and usually give us keys to understanding our major concerns and opportunities in this life. Thus we find that many of our feelings and attitudes can be and are carry-overs to this life. So are talents, understanding, and intuition. Thus man is a composite of all his past experiences... good and evil, fulfilled and incomplete.

In this school room, as you look around, you may feel a special chemistry...a special rapport with others. Consider a school class where you develop special understandings and esprit de corps over the years with fellow classmates. We have seen that these interpersonal feelings exist in our own total lives. The concept of soul-mate is accepted by many. Basically, two souls go through many reincarnations together in various relationships.

I have found that my present wife has been my wife in several past lives and even has been my mother in Atlantis. I mentioned earlier that she was my wife in Italy, centuries ago. I was also in her life in Jerusalem at the time of Christ, but she will not disclose my relationship and I have not yet tried to find out why. Part of my Karma, as I understand it, and reason for this life is because in a past husband-wife relationship, I left her for a year at a time to go to the four corners of the Earth as a Spanish merchant. Without her knowing this, she indicated that the biggest problem between us was my not spending enough time with her and the family now, for even at home I am too busy for just "family time". This is shared only to show more clearly Karma and soul-mates in action. Mr. K., whose experiences we first described, found that his American Indian wife is his present day wife. He has also found that his disciples, while a teacher in India, are now his children.

In another personal case, I found that a fellow worker seemed to talk down to me, teach, and even slap my hands for

my errors. When I found out that he had been an older brother in the past, my feelings toward him immediately changed and my resentment disappeared...for I now understand. Ms. J., another friend, was regressed into a past life where she was a monk in a German monastery in the 15th century. When asked if she recognized any of the 56 other monks and sisters there, she immediately responded that she recognized everyone there as he friends, neighbors. In my research I have found that a special friend was a friend in Germany also in the 15 century. This may be related to Ms. J.'s experience and more research is needed. Thus I understand that many of my acquaintances and close friends and children were with me in past lives in China, Mexico, Tibet, England, Russia, Rome, Greece, Lemuria, Atlantis, and even Antarctica when it was an oasis instead of frozen land.

Various authors, such as Hughes, indicate that the soul returns always to walk among old associates...both loved and otherwise...to whom he still owes much and/or who will owe him much due to past activities. In piecing this information together, I find that the concept of soul-mate and working with past friends, family, or "problems" is plausible. Also, we have progressed chronologically through mankind's own history...Atlantis, Persia, Tibet, Egypt, Greece, Africa, Rome, many European Countries...Russia, Norway, Germany, Spain, France, Mexico, New World, and the U.S.A. I find that I have been yellow, brown, black, red, and white...all races, and so have been many of my associates. My wife, to my knowledge, has always been a woman; all of my experiences are of myself as a man. Some find they have been both male and female.

Few people remember their previous incarnations...and perhaps it is best to forget past bitternesses, pains, suffering, and problems. Possibly if we knew the burdens of owing and being owed, we would be unable to carry out our present obligations. One we dearly love now might have been one who caused deep bitterness in the past. Future lives, according to the laws of rebirth and Karma, will be lived correcting mistakes made in this one.

The whole reason for presenting these detailed, very personal encounters with reincarnation is to show that the last life is NOT, I repeat, NOT IMPORTANT! It is not the next one either! It is the NOW life which is primary...all important. It is up

to us, each of us, now. One should seek to discover why he is as he is today and what can be done about it...now.

total or part...take what fits your understanding. Possibly this personal witness and experience will be some proof to you.

The sweep toward Yoga, ESP, Introspective Psychology, growth of research in Parapsychology and Abstract Meditation can not be held back. Man is searching and unveiling the mysteries of spirit.

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MYSTERIOUS ANIMALS ARE BACK AGAIN

On March 6, 1978 at about 5:15 p.m. in Plainfield, Illinois, William Hughes reported spotting a coal black cat the size of a large German Shepherd near an industrial warehouse where his wife works as a night security guard. He told police he was 75 to 100 yards from the cat which appeared to be stalking something and ignored him. He could only reiterate that it was big and black—pure black.

On March 8, 1978, Mrs. Hughes spotted presumably the same big black cat while on guard duty and called police and the Conservation Department. Prints were found in the snow that were larger than Mrs. Hughes size 5 shoe prints.

On another occasion, the large tracks were found in the snow near a company trailer where it appeared the cat had tried to break in.

According to residents of the Plainfield area, the presence of the cat has been known for some years and is usually accompanied by loud almost human screams similar to those of a terrified woman.

Northern Illinois is not known to be the habitat of either resident or transitory black panthers, which are believed to be extinct in the United States, according to the Illinois Conservation Department.

MONSTERS IN CHESAPEAKE BAY AND POTOMAC RIVER

The Maryland Center would not feel itself sufficiently challenged if it did not start its existence with a resident water monster to investigate such as Loch Ness's Nessie or Lake Champlain's Champ and it appears nature did not let us down as we now have Chesapeake Bay Chessie otherwise known as Potomac River "Potty."

Late in July 1978 reports started coming in to newspapers about 30-40 foot serpentine creatures undulating down the Potomac River where it empties into the Chesapeake Bay.

More than 15 persons reported seeing the creature in late July and early August. Donald Kyker, a retired CIA employee and his wife first spotted the creature near the end of July about 50 yards from shore. He at first thought it was a sea otter followed by its family but only the leader had a head, he said. His wife, Ann, was positive it was not a school of porpoises, as she had seen porpoises before and they did not look like this. Their next thought was that someone was playing a joke but there were no boats on the water to tow anything.

A week later, Mary L. Lewis, 23, said she had seen four or five serpents with heads the size of two fists and necks raised three feet above the water.

Howard Smoot, 55, and his wife, Myrtle, saw four of the creatures and Mr. Smoot shot at the biggest one which was 40 feet long. The other three were about five to ten feet long, they said. Mr. Smoot said that when he shot at the leader and largest creature with his .22 rifle, the forward three or four feet reared up into the air and then all of the creatures submerged. When they rowed out there was nothing to be found.

C. Phillip Stemmer, 53, an electronics engineer was with the Smoots at the time of the shooting and said the creatures looked like "self propelled logs." They weren't

They weren't just floating, he reiterated but actually moving about 7 knots and making wakes.

Mary Lewis and two of her cousins were swimming in a pool beside the

Potomac when they saw something definitely bigger than ducks or snorkel tubes and there were several of them, she said.

Dr. John V. Merriner, head of the Ichthyology Department at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science said that the creatures described "are one hell of a kind of animal to be in the Bay." Dr. Merriner's theory was originally that people were seeing floating logs or tree stumps, but when he heard that members of the Maryland Center had gone out in a boat searching for the creatures and indeed saw animate creatures self propelled, he agreed with the conclusions of the Center that the creatures were probably a school of porpoises.

The summer has been dry, hence the bay is saltier than normal, extending considerably up into the Potomac, Dr. Merriner said, so it is not unusual for ocean creatures to come further into the bay than normal. Dr. Merriner said that porpoises were seen and confirmed near Smith point during the same time frame as the sightings and a Manatee or Sea Cow was even seen at Lynnhaven on the bay.

Two members of the Center, Dr. Ronald Smoake and Robert Billingslea, who went out in a small powerboat two weekends in a row on the lower Potomac between Popes Creek and the Chesapeake Bay said that on the first occasion, they saw what appeared to be two lines of dolphins or porpoises playing follow the leader with those behind the leaders bobbing up and slightly out of the water and then diving under. Dr. Smoake said that he could easily visualize how, from the shore, the sight would have been one of a continuous creature about 30-50 feet long undulating through the water.

Dr. Merriner confirmed that this is normal behavior for porpoises to greyhound in a line and that if there are actual animate creatures in the bay, he'd bet on porpoises or sea turtles, otherwise he is betting on floating logs.

In any event, Dr. Merriner and the Virginia Institute of Marine Science are following the sighting closely and are appealing to all flying spotter pilots and

fishermen on the bay to keep their eyes open and to report anything seen.

Dr. Merriner gave three guidelines to be followed by anyone seeing anything.

1. Don't shoot!
2. Get a good look and pictures if possible.
3. Call someone and report it soon while the details are fresh.

It would appear that the story does not end with porpoises, however. James W. Dutton, 55, a waterman with 40 years experience fishing and oystering on the Potomac River reported that he has recently seen large tracks left by a huge reptile that crawled across a field and into Nanjemoy Creek, a tributary of the Potomac River in Charles County, Maryland. Dutton said he has seen the tracks but never the creature many times and tracked it with hunting dogs once but lost it in Nanjemoy Creek.

The Center will be doing a followup story in the next issue of "Believe It" because it has uncovered a considerable amount of historical material about huge reptiles in southern Maryland dating back to encounters over 100 years ago and as recent as 15 years ago when a farmer was frightened off his tractor and two fishermen were scared out of their boats.

Since the creature or creatures seem to frequent the Potomac more often than the Chesapeake Bay, the Center prefers to refer to it as "Potomac Patty" not "Potty."

Are Members Interested in Government Coverup?

There is more controversy raging now about government coverup of UFO information and even possible CIA or other agency subversion of various UFO groups than at the Zenith of Major Keyholes career.

The Center is in a position to factually investigate and present much material on this subject if the membership is interested and the Center will be happy to publish such material lest it be accused of being part of an ongoing conspiracy. Let us know if you are interested and areas of specific concern please.

FORTFEST A SUCCESS

With the dulcet tones of Orson Welles reverberating through the Ward Circle Building of American University introducing "Who's Out There," a movie he made for N.A.S.A. The Sixth Annual FORTFEST of the International Fortean Organization (INFO) opened August 5, 1978.

The dreary skies outside did not dampen the spirits of the 200 participants inside as they listened to Dr. John B. Carlson, president of INFO welcome everyone with a qualified warning to the audience to listen carefully to be sure the speakers were not putting them on in Charles Fort style.

No one this author talked to felt put on or sorry to be in attendance. Although INFO is a rather small organization with under 1000 members, they are to be commended for putting together such a quality annual get together.

Dr. Carlson's opening address contrasted the approach of the Fortean to that of the Zetetics (The Committee for Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal.)

The first speaker after Carlson's remarks was Loren Coleman who is co-author of "Creatures of the Outer Edge" which was also the subject of his talk. Coleman spent much time on the subject of out of place animals, a subject that did not end with his talk as kangaroos kept appearing all over the mid-west during the past summer and fall and a 12 foot alligator was killed on the Washington, D.C. Capital Beltway earlier this year when run over by a Maryland State Trooper who could only comment "he shouldn't have been in the fast lane."

X, who is the publisher of the Res Bureaux Bulletin from Ontario, Canada and goes by no other name, gave an inventory of Canadian Lake and Sea Monsters. When listening to X it is always evident he is a meticulous researcher. You may not be sure exactly what he is discussing but you know without doubt it was carefully researched.

Craig Phillips, Director of the National Aquarium in Washington, D.C. reviewed the evidence about the creature thought to be a Plesiosaur which was retrieved by Japanese fishermen in 1977 and received a standing ovation for his chalkboard artwork of possible candi-

dates in the shark and whale families. Mr. Phillips has since obtained slides of the creature from the Japanese government and they are being studied with great interest.

Saturday afternoon started off with a report of investigations of mystery creatures in Michigan by David Fideler whose primary emphasis was upon the clustering of the occurrences and their predictability.

Among the highlights of the FORTFEST was the report by Robert Jones on the work of Vestigia, a New Jersey based Fortean group that has done some truly outstanding research. The Vestigia group has captured ghostly images on a special film in a supposedly haunted house and has tracked down fairy light or ghost lights in nearly every state and proven that the vast majority of them occurred over seismic fault lines over ground filled with quartz crystals. Their findings seem to strongly support the conclusions that earth tremors on the fault lines released quantities of Radon gas which then became energized from piezoelectricity generated by the tremors compressing the quartz crystals. The work was so well documented and well prepared that it was hard to ignore. Many in the audience called for funding of Mr. Jones' group by the government.

Joseph Zarzinski, a New York school teacher, put on an interesting slide presentation documenting the last 300 years of sightings of Champ, the Lake Champlain Monster.

Bob Chance, Director of the Susquehannock Environmental Center in Bel Air, Maryland gave an excellent discussion of Bigfoot in Maryland accompanied by an excellent slide presentation made during his 10 years of tracking Bigfoot through northeast Maryland and southeast Pennsylvania.

Michael Biskins of York, Pennsylvania, also reported on his tracking Bigfoot from southern York County, Pennsylvania into northern Carroll and Howard Counties of Maryland and finding two decapitated calves surrounded by Bigfoot tracks. He also brought along a display of Bigfoot hair found on barbed wire fences in his tracking episodes.

Sunday started off with UFOs well represented by Dr. Bruce Maccabee, a Navy physicist who elaborated on the

information Act, request of the FBI. Dr. Maccabee's work has been widely published and his talk gave some new insight.

X was back with a carefully documented look at the Phantom Aircraft of 1915.

W.G. Camahan of the Association Push Gravity from Austin, Texas presented a talk on the mysteries of gravity which proceeded to mystify most of the audience who either didn't understand gravitrons or just simply went to sleep.

After lunch to wake everyone up, Dr. Stuart Greenwood, an aerospace engineer did double duty by reporting on the Ancient Astronauts convention and his own prepared material on the Giza-Stonehenge connections, primarily about unexplained alignments in ancient England and Egypt.

Dr. John Carlson, president of INFO presented another excellent talk on his area of speciality: Ancient Technology - Olmec Mirrors, extremely well documented and accompanied by slides of equal quality.

Larry Arnold, an author and Fortean investigator from Harrisburg, Pennsylvania reported on a triangle of ice caves found in Pennsylvania as well as other triangle mysteries, touching even on the Bermuda Triangle.

Ray Manners, who had been master of ceremonies for FORTFEST promised surprises with his presentation of another look at Atlantis and he delivered it with considerable sound documentation that the location of Atlantis was actually the east coast of the U.S. from the Mississippi east and northward to the Great Lakes. Ray left a lot of people wondering.

The author had to leave before determining whether or not a promised panel discussion of skyquakes actually took place but Saturday evening a panel discussion of Bigfoot provided an excellent forum for views not previously discussed as well as questions from the audience.

No one left FORTFEST after two days disappointed and the Maryland Center is happy to heartily endorse this type of activity as the very essence of what the Center stands for: the sharing of information and the involvement of as many people as possible. May there be many more FORTFESTS and may they all be as successful as this one.

INTERNATIONAL FORTEAN ORGANIZATION

EDITOR'S NOTE: Each month the Center will highlight in "Believe It" one of the reputable organizations engaged in UFO or Fortean information collection or research. In order for the Center to be totally objective about the organization represented each group will write its own biography with no editing from the Center in the belief that if the Center feels the organization is reputable enough to be represented in the pages of "Believe It", it will be reputable enough to write on appropriate biography. Due to time restrictions this article on INFO was written by the Center with approval of INFO and apologies to Don Berliner and Science Digest for paraphrasing of his article of March 1978.

INFO standing for International Fortean Organization is not one of the largest groups in the UFO or Fortean fields but it must rank with the most reputable and is one of the most active for its size.

Operating from a small suite of offices in a second floor walkup on U.S. Route 1 near the campus of The University of Maryland, INFO gives the appearance of many similar organizations in their infancy, including the Maryland Center but the looks are deceiving at INFO where a quality library and file of Fortean events are maintained and the officers and members of INFO very meticulously

plan activities such as their annual Fortfest each year.

Currently headed by a dynamic president, Dr. John B. Carlson, who is an associate professor at The University of Maryland and head of the Center for Archaeoastronomy there, INFO appears to be moving into a period of increased membership and effectiveness.

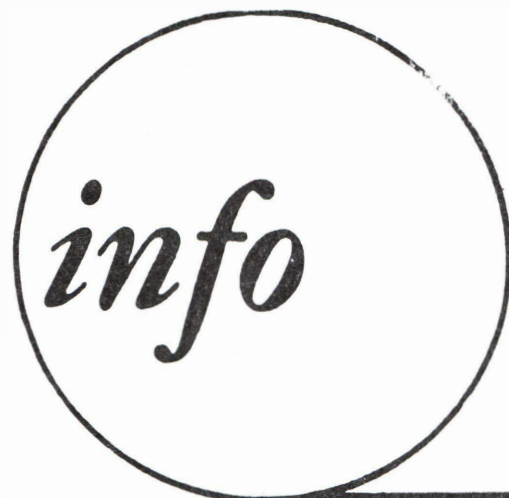
Many of the officers, board members, and members of INFO are old-time members of NICAP from the days when that organization was in its heyday and are skilled researchers, collectors, and evaluators of Fortean information.

INFO was founded in 1965 to carry on the work of Charles Fort who died in 1932 after spending most of his adult life gathering and classifying reports of flora and fauna and unnamed phenomena that did not fit the contemporary set of accepted scientific theories.

Fort also took great joy in tweaking the noses of scientists and others who flatly refused to consider the possibility that any of his data might be outside the bounds of scientific "truth".

Unlike the majority of Washington-based groups, INFO is refreshingly low keyed and willing to poke fun at itself.

The small offices of INFO are crammed with books about scores of borderline science subjects and filing cabinets are full of clippings and first hand accounts and investigators' reports of strange happenings, a linen closet is overflowing with tape recordings of interviews with witnesses to the unusual.



—science AND THE unknown—

From here a volunteer staff under its director Dr. John B. Carlson, an astronomer specializing in the work of ancient Latin Americans handles the inquiries from a worldwide membership of nearly 1000 and Richard Hall (former assistant director of NICAP under Major Keyhoe) edits a quality bi-monthly journal projecting a stimulating mixture of serious scientific effort and bemusement in the face of impossible odds.

The patron saint of INFO is the presumably mythical "St. Ranunculus" who according to cofounder Paul Willis "is reputed to have levitated while standing on his head and screwed himself into the ground up to his navel."



There is also evidence that he may have died in Aleppo (in the 4th Century AD) although a variant claim is that he was accidentally mummified in a cave in Cappadocia while sleeping off a binge.

INFO and its Fortean are self declared across-the-board skeptics rather than true believers. They insist that their interest in peculiar matters does not signify acceptance though this is frequently assumed. They quote Fort: "We shall have a procession of data that science has excluded." They wage a constant battle against those who feel compelled to explain the most extraordinary events as nothing more than the ordinary misinterpreted by fallible humans. They like to point out the denials of 19th Century scientists of the possibility that meteorites could fall from the sky and to recent recognition that these have been observations of gaseous eruptions on the moon for hundreds of years. With the frequent catching of the Coelacanth off the coast of Africa when it is supposed to have been extinct for 150 million years, the Fortean see proof that they can be right.

The scope of the true Fortean's curiosities is, by definition, without clear cut limitations but the interests of INFO seem to

be confined to some of the more active areas such as:

Lake Monsters, not just Loch Ness but those inhabiting lakes in Ireland, Scotland, Canada, New Hampshire, and perhaps even the Potomac River; Sea Monsters, which may be related to lake monsters or direct descendants of prehistoric reptiles; Land Monsters such as Bigfoot and Yeti; Flying Creatures some described as having 10 foot wingspans and emitting odd sounds and smells. Many resemble the Indian legends of the Thunderbirds; Poltergeists, which are mischievous spirits going around houses, usually inhabited with teenage children, smashing things and moving objects around indiscriminately; appearances and disappearances of people and objects that are not where they should be or are where they shouldn't be, and archaeological anomalies. A healthy interest is maintained in Unidentified Flying Objects, though not as much as the groups specializing in UFOs, even though Charles Fort was probably one of the first to document sightings of UFOs in his books in the 1920s.

For INFO and its members it would appear that what counts is the chase. If the collected data led to increased know-

ledge of a strange world, so much the better, but it is the unending battle with man's nature that keeps INFO going.

In the oft quoted words of Charles Fort: "Wise men have tried...to understand our state of being by grasping at its stars, or its arts, or its economics. But if there is an underlying oneness of all things, it does not matter where we begin, whether with stars or laws of supply and demand, or frogs from the skies or Napoleon Bonaparte. One measures a circle beginning anywhere.

According to their own spokesmen, INFO strives to promote a truly skeptical philosophy, not merely another "there ain't no such animal" excuse for sweeping things under the carpet and does not espouse any given response to the expressions of Charles Fort, or to those of any other thinker or system of thought. Their goal is to always support an attitude both critical and of minimal bias, and always with an intelligent sense of humor.

The Maryland Center can heartily endorse INFO and recommends that members of the Center xerox the enclosed coupon and send in your bucks or write direct to INFO to avoid cutting up this collectors edition of "Believe It."

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ANIMAL MUTILATION ROUNDUP

EDITOR'S NOTE: Considerable speculation exists about the forces behind the strange rash of animal mutilation cases sweeping the country ranging from direct UFO links to demonic practices of various nomadic occult groups. It is known that Bigfoot has been linked with at least a small number of mutilations including some in nearby Maryland and UFO activity has been reported in the vicinity of many mutilations so the Center feels it is its duty to report on the phenomena for its members. Basically, animal mutilation cases are not just simple killings of farm or domestic stock. In the majority of the cases, the reproductive organs and often other organs of the animals are removed, often apparently surgically. Another frequent recurrence is the total lack of any blood in the murdered animal—often removed before other mutilation begins evidenced by the lack of bloody wounds, etc. Any further reporting or research spent on the phenomena will depend on the reaction of the members to its value. The following typical cases are presented in no particular order or pattern.

Hereford, Texas, June 28, 1978 A steer that had been in excellent health was found dead in the north-western part of the county according to Deaf County Sheriff Travis McPherson who believes a religious cult is at work. The steer's tongue had been removed as had its genitals and a neat round hole replaced the animal's anus. All of the incisions were definitely made with surgical instruments, McPherson said. The body had been completely drained of blood through a pencil-sized hole in the animal's jugular vein. Another steer was found the previous week with exactly the same mutilations Sheriff McPherson said. The animal had died of blackleg and the incisions were made after death and the blood had not been drained from the carcass. Quite a number of the town's leading citizens have reported UFO sightings at about the same time the mutilations took place, McPherson said. He indicated there have been so many reports he doesn't bother filing them anymore because they just clog up things and he can't do anything about them anyway. It was also learned that several drivers in the area had nighttime UFO encounters where their car engines were stalled.

Elsberry, Missouri, August 7, 1978 A 350 pound six to seven month old calf was discovered in a field about a mile from a roadway by Angelo DiBartolo, the seventh animal mutilation discovered in the area since June 24. The calf was laying on its left side and the hide and meat of the upper right side had been stripped exposing the throat and ribcage extending from the right front shoulder to the middle of the right side and from the backbone to the underside. The right front leg was missing and there was no tear where the leg had been attached. There was no blood visible anywhere. There was a small cut on the right rear hip but no other visible surgery. In the six other mutilation cases reported in the area, the eyes, tongue and sex organs had all been removed from the butchered animals. A rash of UFO sightings have occurred, beginning just before the first mutilation, in the general areas of the mutilations.

Pea Ridge, Arkansas, August 21, 1978 Utah Smith reported to the local sheriff that he found his missing two-month-old mule colt badly mutilated. The animal's eyes, tongue, and sexual organs had been removed, apparently surgically. Benton County Sheriff's Deputy John Greene said that a week before the eyes, tongue and sexual organs had been removed from a calf found near Cave Springs and the day before only the tongue had been removed from a cow found west of Centerton. No evidence of any threat to the safety of humans has been discovered so it is unlikely enough investigation will be done to come up with any answers about who or why.

New Hope, Missouri, August 7, 1978 Eliene and Robert Taylor called Sheriff Clifton Hilton very concerned when they found a second dead calf from their cattle herd under unusual circumstances. The calf was found with an eye and an ear and its tail missing and no blood in the carcass or around it. The thing that bothered them most was that although the carcass laid in place three days or longer, there were never any buzzards. You can always find a cow down by following the buzzards, Taylor said. Earlier in the month the Taylors found a dead cow with a perfect round hole cut where its rectum had been. A veterinarian said the animal had been struck by lightning and another animal had been eating on it but he could not explain the precision of the incision around the rectum.

Hereford, Texas, July 17, 1978 County residents were beginning to talk about witches and martians after

two more cattle mutilations were found. A 600 pound steer and an 800 pound steer were found in near identical states: all blood drained from the animals, lips, tongue, scrotum and rectum surgically removed. One veterinarian who examined the carcasses for needle marks expressed amazement that anyone could subdue an 800 pound steer without somekind of tranquilizing drug but with no blood left to analyze it is difficult to find. No marks from tranquilizer darts or needles were found. In both cases the blood was evidently pumped from incisions cut surgically into the jugular vein. There have been an increasing number of reports from the county of UFO sightings and so called phantom helicopters because they can not be explained by any traditional or rational explanations.

A query to police officials in 22 midwestern states instituted by the Maryland Center revealed that in the past year more than 400 similar animal mutilations have taken place or at least that many have been reported to the authorities. A number of first-hand interviews in these cases are in the Center's files for anyone desiring further information.

MANY TEENAGERS HAVE SEEN UFOS

A recent Gallup poll commissioned and copyrighted by the Associated Press projects that three and a half million American teenagers claim to have seen something they thought was a UFO.

A vast majority of the teenagers not seeing UFOs firmly believe that they do exist and are not imaginary hoaxes or ball lightning, according to the poll.

Even among the teenagers who were avowed skeptics about UFOs and did not believe in them at all, more than one-third of them indicated that they believe that there is life similar to humans living on other planets in the Universe.

Combined with another Gallup poll that indicates 51 percent of American adults believe in the existence of UFOs, we may have an answer for the success of "Star Wars" and "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" which have grossed more than \$300 million in ticket sales, and the millions of dollars being spent producing Battlestar Galactica for television.

The Center will attempt to obtain the entire poll for publication in the next issue of "Believe It", feeling that it is very revealing about attitudes and opinions held by teenagers concerning UFOs, and people like us on other planets.

The poll was conducted in February and March 1978 and appears to reflect current thinking.

PROFESSOR OBERTH HAILS CENTER'S WORK

The Center has exchanged a number of letters with Dr. Hermann Oberth (the latest reproduced below) one of the first and foremost German aerospace scientists, who is often rightfully referred to as the "Father of Astro-nautics".

Professor Oberth is reluctant to take on any additional duties at this time because of his advanced age and state of health, but in the accompanying letter, translated by the Center's Director, Professor Oberth wishes the Center pleasant going in getting organized and much success in all of our research projects.

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Sehr geehrte Damen und Herren!

Ich danke Ihnen in diesem Rahmen, da ich Ihnen auf Wunsch nicht mehr zu schreiben kann, es würde vermutlich etwas schwierig klingen.

Ich bin der Meinung, das ein Bericht - nicht zu sehr allgemein gehalten, sondern sehr spezifisch, das man nicht nur andere der Zeit, sondern auch die, die man nicht für unmöglich hält, in der Lage ist, die Probleme der Forschung zu verstehen, und ich hoffe, dass die Prüfung der Forschung, allen Maßnahmen, was möglich sein könnte.

Ich habe zwar in meinem Leben nicht viel gemacht, aber nicht viel anders gemacht werden könnte, denn die Aufgaben von anderen Feldern, auch die von der Welt, sind sehr verschieden, und ich habe noch nicht mit der völligen Arbeit fertig werden können, was es mir, hat die Arbeit von anderen Menschen die verdankt, nicht nur in der Welt, sondern auch in der Welt.

Ich möchte Ihnen danken für die Aufmerksamkeit und Ihre Bemerkungen, die ich sehr schätze.

Mit freudlichen Grüßen,
H. Oberth

H. Oberth

Dr. Dr. H. Oberth

Professor Oberth states that scientists cannot say anything for certainty until it is assured by facts which cannot be misinterpreted, but with the same open mind, a scientist must not declare anything impossible as long as it is not

excluded by stated irrefutable facts and that it is the duty of research to follow up everything that any phenomena could possibly be.

Professor Oberth says that he has never in his life seen anything that could not be explained conventionally but there is no question in his mind that UFOs from other worlds have been observed and that no one can state with full facts what they are so researchers like those of the Center are damned with the duty and responsibility to research further until facts are found.

Professor Oberth has sent the Center an interview which is now being translated which fully explains all of his views on UFOs and it will be printed in total in the December issue of "Believe It."

EDITOR'S NOTE: It seems that Professor Oberth has summed up pretty fully the position and duties of the Center and we will try not to let him down.

Old Journals Needed

Of particular need for the Center's library now are back issues of journals or newsletters of other UFO or Fortean groups. We would like everything except NICAP (of which we have a complete set). If any members would be willing to loan their treasured journals for a few days, we will Xerox them and return them to you unharmed-quickly and will even be happy to reimburse your postage.

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GREEN SLIME INVADES WASHINGTON

Since frequent remnants of so called angel hair which rapidly disappears leaving a residue of green tint and often a green slime has been frequently associated with UFO landings and encounters, the Center mobilized into action on September 11, 1978 when green slime was reported to be covering a large area in Foggy Bottom, a neighborhood of Washington, D.C. containing the State Department and the notorious Watergate complex.

Washington, D.C. officials were at first baffled when the mysterious substance literally covered everything, causing flowers and plants to wilt and die, angering car owners who had difficulty cleaning windshields and causing anguish to pet owners when their animals became ill after eating grass coated with the substance. The roof of a 12 story building under construction at 25th and K Streets N.W. was coated with the slime indicating it had fallen from a considerable height.

The substance appeared to harden and turn dark green—almost black as time passed. Mike Love of 9472 26th Street N.W. was particularly concerned when his off white West Highland Terrier, stopped eating and its hair turned blue.

Samples of the slime were collected by members of the Center and chemically analyzed. The substance was found to contain nickel sulfate, iron sulfate, manganese and vanadium plus traces of many other elements.

A search was then made for any manufacturing facilities in the area. None were found, but working in conjunction with Washington, D.C. officials it was learned that a Government Services Administration heating plant in nearby Georgetown, which supplies heat and air conditioning to many downtown Washington government buildings had suffered a malfunction in a vacuum system that removes soot from the plant's firing chamber on September 6.

District of Columbia Environmental Health Administration officials confirmed that discharges found at the plant matched, chemically, those

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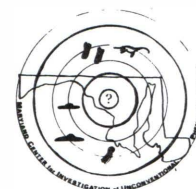
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covering Foggy Bottom. No action was taken against the Federal government other than to order repairs and it is not known how well the area pets are recovering. The Center feels comfortable in reporting that a UFO definitely was not involved in this incident.



BOOK REVIEWS

UFOS NAZI SECRET WEAPON BY

Christoff Friedrich-Samisdat Publishers, Ltd. Toronto, Canada. Many of the Center's members also are members of NICAP and have been barraged with mailings of Nazi literature because NICAP sold its mailing list either knowingly or not, depending on whom you believe to this Nazi group and the Center has been questioned about this book which is being heavily pushed. The answer for one and all is a big fat **SAVE YOUR MONEY**. This has to be the worst UFO book this writer has ever read including George Adamski's works. It's a feeble attempt to credit the Third Reich for inventing flying saucers in which Hitler escaped via Norway to the present Nazi secret UFO base in Antarctica and even states that the nuclear bomb the U.S. dropped on Hiroshima was stolen physically from the Germans. Don't waste \$5.00 on this to satisfy your curiosity.

165 LITTLE KNOWN UFO SIGHTINGS FROM AROUND THE WORLD BY

Christoff Friedrich Same publisher as above and if anything a worse effort at "getting something-anything into print." It is nothing but a thin pamphlet of reproductions of newspaper clippings hardly worth the \$2.95 charged nor even worth the postage to mail it.

CREATURES OF THE OUTER LIMITS

by Jerome Clark and Loren Coleman, Warner Books. \$1.95. This reviewer read the book with an open mind having met one of the authors—Loren Coleman at the 1978 Fortfest in Washington, D.C. and can recommend the book to those with an open mind and willing to accept or to at least be exposed to some pretty far out theories. This writer is inclined to believe in Bigfoot being a physical mammal co-existing with man on the earth but the authors of the book present considerable substantiation for their theories about Bigfoot, UFOs and other mysterious animals or MAs as they refer to them are interdimensional entities all linked together coming from some parallel universe and mate-

rializing and dematerializing in our world at will. You will find the book hard to put down once you start on it. The Center feels this is the type of material members should read and consider.

THE EDGE OF REALITY by Dr. Jacques Vallee and Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Henry Regnery Company, Chicago. \$5.95. The Center feels that this book is an absolute must for any serious UFO researcher. Written by two of the most eminent researchers in the field, it contains nothing new or startling toward the solution of the UFO phenomena but presents some carefully thought out in depth discussions of the phenomena and the many hypotheses surrounding it. Of particular interest is Dr. Hynek's seemingly honest candid clarification of why he did not challenge the Air Force earlier and of his "born again" transformation from

UFO debunker to UFO Believer. Most of the book is in informal dialogue form between the two authors with an occasional moderator—a devil's advocate, drawing them out. Of particular note to the Center were Dr. Hynek's comments about the UFO research organizations and all of the mistakes they have made (valuable advice of things for the Center to avoid). For instance, Dr. Hynek stated that had Major Keyhoe, when he was director of NICAP, stopped his personal battle to vilify the Air Force and instead simply presented all of the information NICAP had gathered in a scientific or at least a scholarly manner, the sheer weight of the evidence would have toppled the Air Force. The Center is not in a position to second guess Major Keyhoe but it firmly agrees with this statement and will attempt to conduct its efforts in a manner recommended by Drs. Vallee and Hynek. Must reading. Don't pass up the opportunity.

THROUGH THE BARRIER BY Edgar A. Ostrander, \$8.95, Books of the New Universe, Box 612, Wading River, New York 11792 publisher. A very big paperback at a high price but appears to be well worth the money for any

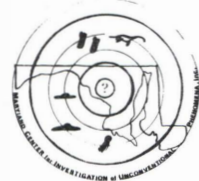
open-minded Fortean interested in the latest theories about cosmology, UFOs, gravitation, ancient astronauts, and many other "far out" subjects. Most of the theories are based on translations of claimed ancient Mayan manuscripts. The only question seems to be with the authenticity of the manuscripts that form the basis of much of the book. If you believe the sources, you will find this a fascinating book.

ENCOUNTER CASES FROM FLYING SAUCER REVIEW

edited by Charles Bowen. This is an excellent volume in paperback format filled with reprinted material from the past 22 years of Flying Saucer Review magazine, which is one of the finest and most factual of the UFO magazines. The book is \$1.75 from the New American Library, Inc., P.O. Box 999, Bergenfield, New Jersey 07621 and the Center recommends the volume very highly.

STRANGE UNIVERSE VOLUME II

compiled by William R. Corliss, The Sourcebook Project, Box 107, Glen Arm, Maryland 21057. There are no superlatives strong enough to describe this book which matches the usual quality expected and received from William Corliss, the tireless Fortean collector and compiler. The book is a collection of references of astronomical mysteries from the files of scientific periodicals, concentrating on the unusual and erratic meteoric events and other unconventional phenomena of the skies. The price of this volume is \$8.95 and should be in every Fortean library. A letter or postcard to Mr. Corliss at the Sourcebook Project will bring a brochure of fascinating reviews of an entire library of Fortean books.



SKYQUAKES AND VOICES FROM SPACE

Many Forteaners are wondering as November is upon us if there will be a repeat of the mysterious aerial explosions often accompanied by flashes of light that plagued the east coast from Connecticut to South Carolina beginning last November and running throughout the winter.

There have been many explanations offered for the disturbing loud explosions that began on November 23, 1977, the most widely circulated one being the one by the U.S. Navy that what everyone was hearing were sonic booms from the Concorde SST flying between London and Paris and Washington, D.C. and combat maneuvers by U.S. Navy aircraft over the Atlantic. They explained that a peculiar combination of layers of warm and cold air created a gigantic reflector that carried the sound to the east coast.

The same scientists, however, failed to explain how the often seen flashes of light were related to the sound reflections or how the same aerial noises have been recorded at least as far back as December 1813 in Connecticut. How many SSTs were flying then we wonder?

These same scientists also dismiss completely and refuse to discuss other strange events happening simultaneously with the Skyquakes. On November 21, 1977, the launching of a European weather satellite from Kennedy Spaceflight Center in Florida had to be aborted when the rocket's onboard computer started receiving strange signals that nullified its capability to handle the launch. The origin of the signals was never discovered or at least never announced by N.A.S.A.

The skyquakes were heard on both sides of the Atlantic and the November 28, 1977, New York Times reports an even stranger phenomena.

The Southern Television channel of the BBC in Southampton, England had its transmission blocked by a series of bleeps which were then replaced by a man's voice announcing in perfect English that he was Asteron, a representative of an intergalactic mission and that the peoples of the earth must destroy all weapons and learn to live in peace

or Earth would be banished from the Galaxy.

It all sounds like a perfect college prank except for the fact that such a hoax would have to be funded by a Howard Hughes in order to have the expensive powerful equipment necessary to overpower the BBC and broadcast to much of southern England.

In any event, if any member hears of any more skyquake activity beginning, please notify the Center, we have discussed our own ideas about pursuing them.

UFO PHOTOS MADE AT OBSERVATORY

The Center has just learned that near the end of October in 1973 a professor of astronomy at the College of John Abbott in Pointe Claire, Quebec, Canada, made some remarkable UFO photographs.

The two children of the astronomer were in the garden of their home on the observatory grounds when they saw a bright cigar shaped object much brighter than Venus and called their parents at about 9:00 p.m.

The astronomer, who doesn't wish his name used, went to his observatory with the family, grabbed his Praktica camera with a 50mm F2.8 lens and began taking pictures. During the 50 minutes the astronomer, his wife, and two children observed the UFO, which appeared in a vertical position in the constellation of Capricorn, he made 13 photos, two of which the Center has seen and is very impressed with.

Efforts are underway to procure the negatives from the astronomer for exhaustive analysis. If permission can be secured, the photos will be published in "Believe It".

A Word About Expiration Date

Before the question arises anymore, the Center will operate its sustaining membership on a calendar year basis. Anyone joining before 12/31/78 will automatically expire on 12/31/79 or at least the membership will expire then. Participating memberships are non-expiring as long as the requirements of continued membership are met.

CLOSE ENCOUNTER OF THE FOURTH KIND

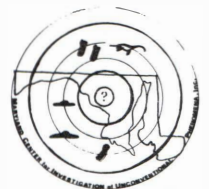
New England investigators of the Center are checking into a credible sounding story by a Boston man who claims that while vacationing near a lake in Vermont, he was suddenly blinded by a flash of light and taken aboard a terribly "erotic" spacecraft where he was seduced by a beautiful female UFO-naut. In the interest of this being a family magazine, we will spare the details of the encounter at least until an investigation of the case is completed. Many persons have vouched for the credibility of the witness and it is to be noted that there are few if any similarities to the famous South American Villas-Boas case and he professes not to have heard of the case or any similar encounters. Quite a lot of time is being spent locating additional witnesses to this case and checking and rechecking the credibility of the witness, who was experiencing some mental trauma due to marital difficulties he was experiencing.

The witness is cooperative but extremely reluctant to have any publicity about the case and did not want to talk about it at all at first for fear of being ridiculed.

The Center will keep the membership informed—tastefully—as the investigation of this fascinating case continues.

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If your copy of Believe It arrived bearing a funny looking colored fluorescent dot with a number or letter on it. Don't worry CIA is not keeping track of you or us. This is simply a method of expediting mass mailings such as ours for the Postal Service and if you happen to be the first or only one in a given town or service center facility, you'll get a dot.



BIGFOOT IN MARYLAND UPDATE

As autumn descended upon Maryland, a number of sightings of Bigfoot began to filter in from the Northeast quadrant of the state.

The second of a series of articles by the Center's director appeared in the November 1 issue of a monthly publication in Maryland and generated a flurry of concerned phone calls to the Center. A number of mothers when convinced that it was not a Halloween hoax were downright indignant that we were frightening them and their children unnecessarily. The assurances that Bigfoot appears harmless to humans did not soothe the hackles of these mothers but the article did generate a number of new sustaining memberships in the Center and a list of volunteers wanting to help search for Bigfoot.

A popular newstand magazine reported that samples of hair from three Maryland Bigfoot encounter sites were studied by Dr. Stephen Rosen, associate professor of Anthropology at the University of Maryland and that he reported that they are from neither a human being or any known North American animal.

According to the publication, Dr. Rosen was quoted as saying "he has a more profound belief in Santa Claus than Sasquatch but he cannot explain the evidence."

The Center has talked with Dr. Rosen and hopes to have an interesting update for next month's "Believe It."

Meanwhile a different type of Bigfoot research is going on at the University of Wyoming. Lynn Kirlin, associate professor of electrical engineering, is using a Fourier Speech Analyzer on a tape of Bigfoot sounds recorded in the California mountains. Preliminary studies have shown the pitch frequency of the cries to be in the range of a deep voiced human male, but that the voice is proportionally larger than a human man's. Kirlin explained that the distance between the vocal cords and the lips in a human male is about 20 centimeters but the analyzer indicates that in Bigfoot the length is about 30 centimeters. Although not conclusive proof of anything, everything else be-

ing equal, this might indicate a creature with a manlike voice one and one half times the size of man.

The biggest surprise to the Center since its inception came when it was summoned to a site less than three miles from the actual headquarters of the Center. First some truck drivers who were frightened by what they assumed to be a Halloween prank by someone in an ape costume.

Nearby according to the reports, some strange screams had been heard coming from a landfill. The director went to look over the scene and then left immediately to purchase some plaster of paris.

Impressions were made of three different size tracks, almost human looking but imprinted very deeply in the packed soil and exhibiting only three toes on each foot. As soon as nearby anthropologists are finished with them, the Center will have its first unique trophies.

CENTER LIBRARY GROWS

As we go to press, the Center's library of Fortean Books and reference materials has surpassed 200 volumes. Magazines and journals of other organizations number in the hundreds. One of the first tasks of the Center is to develop a computerized bibliography of its holdings for easy access and cross referencing capabilities.

This process is underway. Now that we have been informed that the IRS 501(c)(3) tax exemption will be forthcoming, we are looking forward to securing the necessary funding to start many projects.

In the meantime any members having excess books or magazines appropriate for the library will find their contribution most welcome and we find that IRS will generally accept a tax donation of 1/2 the new book cost.

INTER-MEMBER CONTACT

A number of members have questioned the feasibility of a membership directory listing member's qualifications, etc. The Center is opposed to such directories since they tend to end up in the wrong hands and cause invasion of privacy problems, etc. The Center is toying with the idea of an Idea Chain Letter where we will send each member the names and addresses of 10 other members along with a germane question to unconventional phenomena. The recipient would then express his or her views and include whatever personal data desired and Xerox it and send it to the other 9 members. In this way personal contact between the members will be established if desired. At least we will know the views of other Center members. The Center would like to hear some feedback on this idea or similar ideas you may have.

Monetary Appeal

Unlike another unnamed organization, whose trademark became the monthly appeals for \$5.00 and \$10.00 donations, the Center intends to ask its membership only this once and not to dip into their own pockets but to help us find corporate or foundation money. The Center needs some sizeable contributions to carry out proposed projects such as computerized bibliographies and case studies and for purchasing software for computerized photo enhancement studies. The Center has the talent to carry out the projects and access to the hardware but funding is critical. All members are urged to look and ask around. We are sure we will be able to grant tax donations by the end of the year retroactive to the founding so we should be ideal for an individual or corporation needing a tax deduction.

Again, this is the only appeal we plan to print in Believe It so lets make the results worthwhile. We know money is out there-help us find it-please.

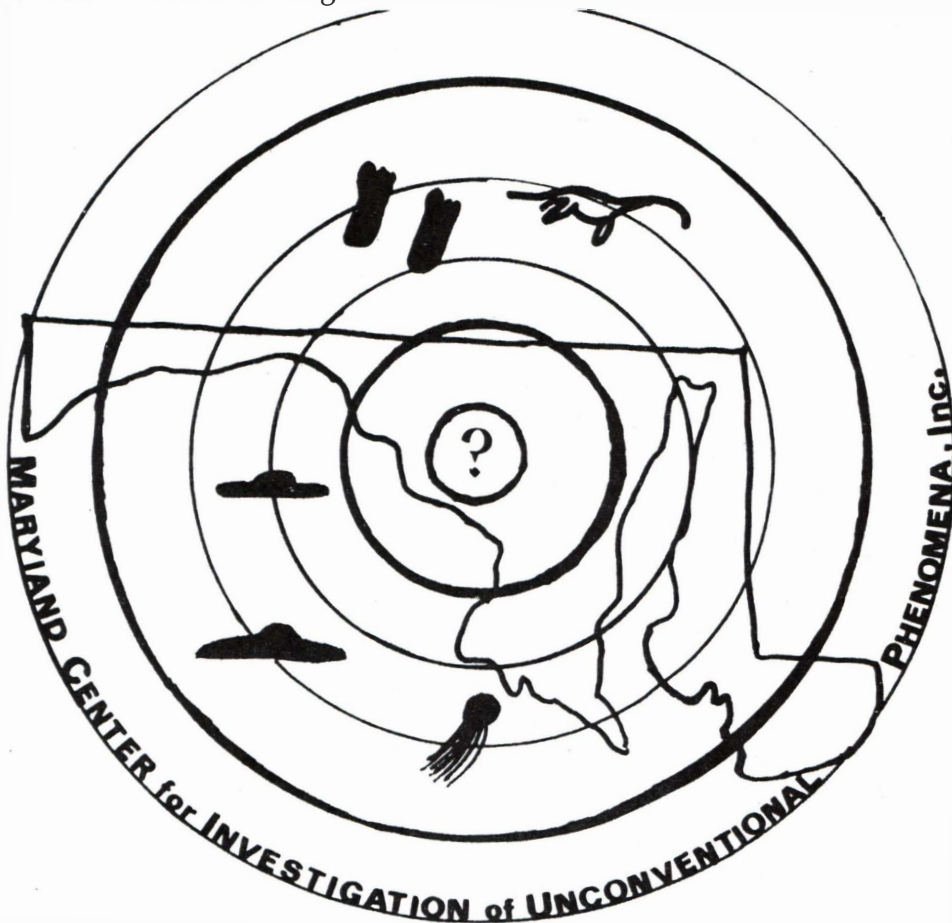
There has been some criticism leveled at both the Center and its director as being opportunistic and other outlandish charges. To all of these, our favorite answer is below:



CRITICISM is something we can avoid

by saying NOTHING . . . doing NOTHING . . . and BEING NOTHING

The logo chosen for the Center is reproduced on this cover and below. We believe it symbolizes some of the areas of our interest and the quest for knowledge about them. Members are reminded that the Center derives its name purely from being physically located in the State of Maryland. Membership now encompasses 49 states and four foreign countries and we expect our activities to range at least this far.



MARYLAND CENTER FOR INVESTIGATION OF UNCONVENTIONAL PHENOMENA, INC. OPINION POLL

We want to know what you are thinking and what you want us to do. We also want to know what you think about us. Please cut out or Xerox this poll and mail it back to us. It need not be signed and you may use plain paper to express any other opinions, thoughts or suggestions you may have. Please list in order of importance the five most important areas the Center should investigate.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

4. _____
5. _____

Please list in order of least importance the five phenomena that you feel the Center should not get involved in at all and why.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

On a scale of 10 how important do you consider the Center's affiliation with a major university or center of learning and should it be within Maryland?

Should the Center accept private funding with no constraints or stipulations on how the money be spent?

Yes _____ No _____

Yes _____ No _____ Yes But _____

Do you agree with the Center's appeal for cooperation among the vaious groups or should everyone be left to do it alone in the theory that competition inspires results?

Signature (optional) _____

PERSONAL POLL

Have you ever personally had an encounter with a UFO? yes _____ no _____

Do you personally know someone who has had a personal encounter with a UFO?

yes _____ no _____

Do you believe in Reincarnation?

yes _____ no _____

Do you believe in Pyramid power?

yes _____ no _____

Is there Bigfoot or Bigfoot type activity in your area? no _____ sporadically _____ regularly _____

What other UFO or Fortean Groups do you belong to and are you happy with each?

_____ yes _____ no _____

_____ yes _____ no _____

_____ yes _____ no _____

_____ yes _____ no _____

_____ yes _____ no _____

_____ yes _____ no _____

If any answers were no what is your main complaint ?

Do you think the Center is off to a good start? yes _____ no _____

What convinced you to join the Center?



Additional UFO Report

Altadena, California, July 4, 1978 The Altadena Sheriff's office was forced to discount the possibility of fireworks after the 20th call between 9:40 and 9:50 p.m. reporting a red saucer-like object in the skies with red lights on the bottom. According to the final caller the object disappeared abruptly at 9:58 p.m. just as deputy sheriffs were being dispatched.

INTERNATIONAL UFO ENCOUNTERS CONTINUED

EDITOR'S NOTE: Since an expected article about the FOIA suit by Ground Saucer Watch against the Central Intelligence Agency did not materialize by press time, we have decided to include the UFO Encounters for August 1978 or at least as many as space will allow. The remainder will be completed in the December "Believe It". It appears that the main interest of the members is in UFOs so we are sure this addition will be welcomed.

Nelagoney, Oklahoma, February - August 1978 The Osage County Sheriff's department and the Pawhuska Police Department have been inundated since February with reports of UFOs of almost every conceivable size and shape and doing almost every conceivable thing. The most popular objects reported have been pulsating lights, a flying boomerang spewing colored sparks and a bouncing headlight on a stick. In mid-May Deputy Sheriff Billy Mitchell and four other lawmen spent an hour and a half watching a pulsating white light hanging motionless in the southwest sky, while red, blue and green lights revolved around it. Virginia Craun was driving on a back road in February when she saw what she first thought was a star ahead of her, then it began to move away from her. It changed directions and flew backwards toward her until it was right above her car. She said it stopped and hovered and she could see that it was boomerang shaped and was emitting blue and white sparks. Mrs. Craun noticed that there were four lights on the front of the object flashing in sequence and then it suddenly sped rapidly out of sight. The 36 year old former school teacher estimated that her encounter lasted some five minutes. The Pawhuska Police Department dispatcher said that the persons calling in UFO sightings of various forms are only outnumbered by the news reporters calling about the UFO callers.

Ludington, Michigan, August 1, 1978 It was near midnight when the phone rang at the Ludington Coast Guard Station. The caller said that some lights had been hovering over U.S. Route 31 and then moved west toward Lake Michigan. Seaman Don Clark was skeptical until the caller suggested he stick his head out the window and take a look. Seaman Clark and the guardsman going off duty looked out and saw flashing strobe lights apparently flashing on an object shaped like a Frisbee flying on its edge. The Ludington Station called Coast Guard Station Two Rivers, Minnesota, which then saw the lights and compared notes, estimating the speed of the object to be about 250 miles per hour.

Two Harbors, Wisconsin, August 1, 1978 Coastguardsmen on duty at the Two Harbors Coast Guard Station received a radio call from the Ludington, Michigan Coast Guard Station about a frisbee shaped object with flashing lights coming their way at almost midnight. Looking out, they saw the object arriving from the east over Lake Michigan. They estimated the object was at about 1500 feet altitude and moving at a speed of about 250 miles per hour. The object eventually turned north and disappeared into the night. At 11:22 the Lake County Sheriff's Department received a call about a strange acting falling star that zigzagged across the horizon. At 11:35 another report came in about a bright green glowing object that darted silently across the sky and then plunged straight towards the earth behind some trees. Northeastern Minnesota was the scene of a rash of UFO reports in 1974-1975 including one suspected landing near Two Harbors where there were signs left of impact and piles of a powdery substance consisting of calcium and magnesium.

St. Clair, Missouri, August 1, 1978 After a strange electrical storm and an apparent tornado that did not actually touch down, Union Electric Company reported some strange power outages and Water Superintendent, Manford Hammond described a glowing craft shaped like "two plates put together" flying at a low level over their county reservoir. A large number of persons reported fiery objects in the sky following the freak storm at about 7:30 p.m.

Union, Missouri, August 1, 1978 Mike Moll has been a Mississippi River riverboat captain for 42 years and said he has never seen anything like what he and his wife first saw as they were sitting at their kitchen table at 811 Lucy Street. At first sight, they said, it was just a big ball hovering and then it suddenly dropped. It was about 9 p.m. when the Molls first saw the object they described as a 3 foot wide pulsating red light. As it started moving, they said, it turned bright orange. The object dropped below the horizon or just went out, the Molls agreed.

Mayor William Stieffermann called the Union police chief to report that about 9:30 p.m., a half hour after the Moll's sighting, he, his wife, and two of their children spotted an unusually bright white light moving below the clouds. The light did not flicker, they said, and moved at a constant speed. It was too large to be a star or airplane, they said and it was totally silent.

Kathy Lowe, of 402 East Park Street and her son reported a very bright silver object circling north Union. Before calling police, Mrs. Lowe called her sister across town for advice and within seconds, her sister was back on the phone announcing she had just seen it also. Both sisters called the police. When the police arrived at the first house they said they saw what looked like a frisbee going away in the distance.

Biwabik, Minnesota, August 2, 1978 Leo and Shirley Grippe were outside about 10:30 p.m. with Leo using a pair of binoculars to look for the UFOs that had been reported in the area for the previous week when the area suddenly lit up with a blue light similar to lightning except it was steady and not a flash. Shirley yelled at Leo and they both turned to see a large luminous blue ball zooming past leaving a blue-white stream behind it. There was then some brownish smoke and it just disappeared, they both said. After returning to their house, the Grippes heard, on their police scanner that a policeman in McKinney, Minnesota, was watching the same object or one very similar to it. Biwabik Fire Chief Butch Maki said he has made photos of an object that has appeared sporadically in the area and he is convinced the photos will show that it is a satellite.

El Belloto, Chile, August 3, 1978 According to the Chilean Navy, thousands of Chileans watched one or more giant UFOs in cities thousands of kilometers apart. The Chilean Naval Air Base at El Belloto logged the passage of the huge glowing sphere at 10:05 local time. A few minutes earlier ships of the Chilean Navy based at Valparaiso, 25 kilometers away viewed the object which was described as having bright searchlights.

At 10:00 p.m. a bus full of miners leaving a copper mine at Chuquicamata reported seeing a huge glowing globe hovering in the sky as they were returning home from work. They said it made a violent turn, ascended and disappeared behind the Andes at an incredible speed. If the same object was involved in both series of sightings, it had to travel almost 2000 miles in less than five minutes.

Joliet, Illinois, August 3, 1978 Mazie Travis of Fourth Avenue on the east side of Joliet, reported to police that for the third night in a row, she saw a flying object that definitely was not an airplane at about 9:50 p.m. She described the object, which was also viewed by her family and neighbors each time, as big with about 10 lights flashing around a circular form. On top, she said, was a flashing red light that turned clear and then green. The witnesses all agreed that the object flew slowly by and then seemed to disappear into an abandoned rock quarry. Frank Water of 414 Fourth Avenue said he and his mother watched apparently the same object two nights in a row. He and his mother described it as circular and glowing red with white lights flashing around it. Police checked with the Joliet airport and all the nearby airports and said no advertising planes had been flying on any of the evenings of the sightings.

Two Rivers, Wisconsin, August 4, 1978 UFOs returned to Two Rivers for the second time in less than a week according to a number of witnesses including a number of Coastguardmen again. The first report came from Sgt. Tom Gordon, 34, of the National Guard Armory who had his sighting at about 11:45 p.m. while fishing from a pier near the U.S. Coast Guard Station. He said the object was round and had red, blue, and green lights. After he watched it turn sideways and then upside down, he went into the Coast Guard Station, alerted everyone there and called police. Two Coast Guard Seamen, Gary Randall, 20, and Doug Wangen, 20, verified the sighting. All agreed that the object was several miles away and made three passes back and forth before disappearing in the vicinity of the Little Dipper. Seaman Randall said that he had photographed another UFO at about 11:30 p.m. on July 28 but he can not release the photos until they are examined by a government agency in Milwaukee. Sgt. Gordon said that he was ordered by his commanding major not to wear his uniform while discussing the UFO matter.

Maiden, North Carolina, August 5, 1978 Terry Mayo reported to police that he was riding his motorcycle on Buffalo Shoals Road at 11 p.m. when a huge UFO that was domed on top and flat on the bottom flew by and caused the engine and headlights of his motorcycle to conk out. After it passed into the distance, everything worked all right, he said.

Fort Walton Beach, Florida, August 5, 1978 The Kevin Davison Family of Freeport and Vicki Williams, a friend told officials at Eglin Air Force Base that they were driving east on state route 77 when a bright object began hovering over their car. They reported that the object followed their car as they turned east onto state road 20. They all four agreed that the object had two lights - a red one and a white one. As it followed them. They said, the lights went up and down and spread apart. Eventually the white light went out and the object dropped back and disappeared into the distance, they said. Eglin Air Force Base spokesmen said there were no military aircraft in the area at the time and that Eglin AFB radar had picked up nothing unusual.

Yorktown, New York, August 8, 1978 Albert Lee of 681 Garth Court told police that he sighted a delta shaped UFO as big as a 747 at 9:20 p.m. just east of the Taconic Parkway in the vicinity of the Mohansic Avenue exit. He described the object as having about 10 rows of 20 to 30 lights each on its underbody and that it also displayed a bright red light. He estimated the altitude as about 2000 feet and said it was travelling northeasterly at about 200 miles per hour. The Westchester County Airport control tower said they knew of no advertising planes aloft that night but added they had no other reports of any unusual sightings.

Cleveland, Ohio, August 10, 1978 Thomas J. McCoy and his family were picnicking in the Brecksville Reservation when they said they saw a 70 foot saucer shaped object coming toward them. When it was about 100 feet away, he said, he got his Polaroid camera from his car and took about 15 photos. Most were blurred from camera movement, he said, but two were pretty good and the Cleveland Plain Dealer printed one photo with a statement from Earl J. Neff, described as Cleveland's leading UFO expert for 27 years, declaring that it was an authentic photo of the "Heflin" shape on top and the "Adamski" shape underneath but without the balls. A number of persons called the Plain Dealer to report having seen a man photographing a saucer model dangling from a string in the park at the time of the alleged encounter and when the photos were examined at a conference of Ohio Ufologists, they were declared to be a hoax and that a 3 inch model from the "Invaders" television show was used. Mr. Neff was dismayed that anyone would still try to concoct such a hoax.

Maiden, North Carolina, August 12, 1978 Mr. and Mrs. Garvin Galloway told police that they saw a big ball of light bigger than a large farm house moving south just before midnight. They said they watched it for about a minute and described it as fiery orange and oval shaped. They said it just blinked out and was gone.

On August 10 at 3:30 p.m., Mrs. Diane Galloway said she saw what appeared to be lightning striking a blue object in the sky which burned out before hitting the ground.

Elsberry, Missouri, August 12, 1978, A housewife who refuses to be identified lest she be called by every kook in the country said she was standing by the gate at the end of the lane leading to her house when she saw an object hovering near the ground in a field down the road. She said it had reflectors on it "just like the back of a truck" only they formed a perfect cross with the long side 20 feet long and the crosspiece 10-12 feet long. She said it just went back and forth and then it was gone. She didn't observe any lights and didn't see it go up into the sky, she said.

Ankoorana, New Zealand, August 13, 1978 A New Zealand farmer said he heard a loud backing from his dogs and rushed outside his house armed with a shotgun but unprepared for what he saw. He reported that two slim built humanoids were carrying a limp dog toward a saucer shaped craft. He said he fired several shots at the creatures and they dropped the dog but scurried into their craft apparently unharmed. He said the saucer quickly lifted off and zoomed away into the atmosphere.

Brookfield, Wisconsin, August 13, 1978 Two police officers were called to North Brookfield Road to check out a report of a UFO and with the called, watched a strange nocturnal light for more than an hour as it moved up and down and back and forth but never left its basic hovering position. The police said the object had a stationary green light, a rotating red light and was illuminated by a white light. The policemen were convinced they were not watching an airplane or helicopter but a check with General Mitchell Field, nearby, indicated that nothing was showing on radar.

Carmi, Illinois, August 13, 1978 Most of the residents of the Southern Illinois town were at a loss to explain the aerial display most witnessed over a six hour period. At least seven city, county, and state police officers watched as green, red, and white lights appeared in all quadrants of the sky making sharp, unusual turns, some hovering motionless and some travelling away at high speeds. Rifle scopes, telephoto camera lenses and binoculars were used in attempting to identify the objects behind the lights but to no avail according to police dispatcher Rex Harris. Controllers at Drees Regional Airport in Evansville, Indiana said they noticed no unusual radar activity at the time.

Stars and meteorites have apparently been ruled out by the Air Force and the Center for UFO Studies in Evansville, Illinois has speculated that the objects were stars viewed under unusual weather conditions.

Bradford, New Hampshire, August 14, 1978 Jeff, Cindy, and Rowan Thurston watched three glowing objects in the sky as they were driving north on Interstate 91. When they pulled into the parking lot at the Bradford Mini-Mart, they continued watching the strange illuminated object for another half hour before summoning Richard and Gloria Fox, the owners of the Bradford Mini-Mart.

According to Richard Fox, he looked up and saw the objects at about 35 degrees above the horizon fairly far away. Only two of the objects appeared to move, he said.

As the five watched from the parking lot the objects began moving closer and getting brighter. Mr. Fox said that as they came closer, they often changed positions - moving in front of each other and changing from left to right.

Once the objects were overhead of the observers, they said they appeared bigger than a nickel at arm's length but smaller than a quarter at the same position.

After moving into a position near the zenith above the parking lot, the objects suddenly turned east and accelerated rapidly until they were lost from sight. Richard fox has an engineering degree and has flown jets in the Air Force and stated very definitively. "We were not watching jets or any conventional aircraft."

La Mesa and San Diego, California, August 16, 1978 At about 8:30 p.m. the switchboards started lighting up at both the La Mesa and San Diego Police Departments as callers reported a glowing red ball moving east in the southern sky. The La Mesa department said they alone received over 100 calls. Mitch Sosna of 9120 Briar Road in La Mesa said that he and a group of friends watched the phenomenon for about 10 minutes. He said that at one point something dropped from the glowing red object and blinked as it hit the earth. There was no sound audible, he added. According to a number of witnesses, the object turned pale yellow and took off super fast to the east. The moon was also visible in the sky at the time of the sighting so the observers were certain they were not confused and actually seeing the moon. One police officer in La Mesa attempted to follow the object in his police cruiser with lights flashing and siren screaming but lost track of it in the vicinity of the Grossmont Shopping Center.

Robert Garis of the San Diego office of the Center for UFO Studies in Evansville, Illionis said he has tracked some of the sightings to flares being launched by the military over the Borriego Dessert. Other of the reports, Garis believes, were pranksters sending up hot air plastic balloons with candles attached.

Meanwhile, Allen Hendry of the Center for UFO Studies interviewed many of the police witnesses to the Carmi, Illinois sightings on the telephone and said he is convinced or at least reasonably certain they were watching a number of first magnitude stars that get their different colors and apparent motion from the earth's atmosphere.

UFO Sightings to be Continued Next Month.

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A number of members of the Center have expressed impatience over apparent lack of evidence of concrete work or results, apparently unaware of the tasks involved in getting a viable organization functioning. The Center understands this impatience but unfortunately science does not work other than in an orderly and scholarly manner and the Center refuses to jump onto a sensationalistic bandwagon in order to satisfy impatience.

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November 17, 1978

Dear Members:

Here it is 5:00 AM as we have been up all night finishing this issue of BELIEVE IT.

We are well aware that it is less than perfect but it is done and now the rest is up to you the members. We believe that we did an admirable job under the constraints of the operating budget we have at this point.

We are happy to report at this last moment that we have heard from a number of other organizations concerning the letter we sent them urging cooperation and all responses have been positive. If we can just convince enough UFO and Fortean organizations to cooperate to the point of pooling files and resources, we can all become a force that science can no longer laugh at or even ignore. This is our goal, help us to do it. If you do not like anything in the preceeding pages, do not hesitate to tell us about it. If you do like the magazine, please tell others about it. On the preceeding two pages are application blanks for both participating and sustaining memberships, Please get these into the hands of your friends or persons you know to be qualified or interested in joining the work of the Center.

If each member of the Center will recruit one new member, by this Christmas, the Maryland Center will be the largest organization of its kind in the world. We do use the term "of its kind" loosely and advisedly because we are aware that there is no other organization like the Center either in existence or ever previously tried. We are well aware of all of the predecessor organizations that have gone out of business for one reason or another and we are aware of those barely holding onto life now.

The Center does not want to be placed in either category, We want to be a viable, active, voiceferous force working to make the "fringes of science" respectable. UFOlogist Jacques Vallee wrote about the "Invisible College". We believe that a sizeable portion of the faculty of the "Invisible College" has already joined the Center as we examine the membership rosters. We want the remaining members and we want to put them to work. The Center has quite a number of ambitious projects in the embryonic stage right now only awaiting some major funding to get them started and we of the unpaid Center staff are working diligently to secure the necessary funding, but as everyone knows, money is tight-but we are not giving up and we hope you never give up on us.

Just for the record and not because anyone is seeking martyrdom or Pontification, The assistant director's wife recently died on their 50th wedding anniversary and the assistant director has just learned that he has a malignant growth that may not be operable. The director of the Center is continuing to function in what amounts to both roles even though he has a fractured neck from an automobile accident. We only point these things out to ask your indulgence if any errors slipped by us in the magazine, and we sincerely thank all those members and other persons who have helped make the Center and BELIEVE IT possible.

We have asked your help, now if there is any way we can help you, please call upon us--that's what the Center is for!!!

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